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# BRITISH FORCES GAIN FURTHER SUCCESSES IN IRAQ: R.A.F. ACTION

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, MAY 9 (UP).—TO-DAY'S GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT THE BRITISH HAVE OCCUPIED THE PLATEAU OVERLOOKING THE HABBANIYAH AIRFIELD AND THAT THE REMNANTS OF THE DISSIDENT ELEMENTS OF THE IRAQI ARMY WHICH ATTACKED HABBANIYAH HAVE WITHDRAWN TOWARD RAMADI AND FALLIYAH.

BRITISH PATROLS WERE ACTIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF BOTH OF THESE PLACES. IN THE BASRA AREA ALL IS QUIET.

## IRAQI AIR FORCE OBLITERATED

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—The Air Ministry to-day stated that the Iraqi air force has practically ceased being an effective fighting force, adding: "Two bombing attacks were made yesterday on the Bakuka and Shahmamban landing grounds north of Baghdad which probably completed the destruction of the Iraqi air force."

## WAR MATERIALS CAPTURED

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, May 9 (UP).—The R.A.F., armoured cars and troops, in addition to inflicting heavy casualties among the Iraqi rebels in the Habbaniyah area, captured a large quantity of materials including six serviceable howitzers, a number of other guns and four armoured cars.

## WILLKIE FREEDOM SPEECH

Press Reaction

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters).—Saying that Mr. Wendell Willkie's speech at the New York freedom rally on Wednesday would ring like a bugle call wherever freedom is held dear, the "Daily Telegraph" says: "The significance of Mr. Willkie's speech is its implicit evidence that in the cause of freedom, the American people are indeed united. For Mr. Willkie speaks for the great Republican Party in the United States. He shows himself as earnest and urgent in support of the policy of all aid for Britain as the President himself."

## Logical Corollary

Commenting on Mr Willkie's call for less words and more action for the protection of cargoes for Britain at once, the paper declares that if President Roosevelt has not been as downright and unequivocal in his assertion yet it is not a less logical corollary of his words and actions. Referring to Mr Willkie's injunction to Hitler to improve whatever pagan God he believed in that Germany may be spared the day that she came up against the United States, the "Daily Telegraph" comments: "It looks as if the day were very near."

## Halifax On Lindbergh

MINNEAPOLIS, May 9 (Reuters).—"Britain with United States' aid will wipe Hitlerism from the earth," declared Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, to-day, at a press conference. Asked about Lindbergh, he said, "I have no doubt he holds his opinions as sincerely as I do mine, but where he touches on the field of world affairs and matters that affect the future of all free people I think some of his arguments are dangerously mistaken."

## American Air Expansion

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuters).—A huge expansion in American air-ports is envisaged in a request which President Roosevelt to-day made a Congress for appropriation of \$81,477,780. The sum will be used for the construction of 149 new airports and enlargement of 20 now under construction for Army and civilian use. "The increased number of courses of technical units and of schools under the Army's training scheme is said to be the chief reason for the expansion."

## Emir Shot By Son

BEIRUT, May 9 (UP).—The Emir of Transjordan (G9) who is pro-British and a Moslem leader, is reported to have been shot by his second son, Talal (30) and seriously wounded during a dispute over the Iraqi fighting. The Emir was previously reported to be organizing an expeditionary force to aid the British against the Iraqis.

## Successful Operations

CAIRO, May 9 (Reuters).—Fuller details of successful operations against Iraqi rebels in the Habbaniyah area in the past two days are given in a communiqué by the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters.

It is now known, says the communiqué, that in addition to inflicting heavy casualties, the British forces, which included R.A.F. armoured cars, captured a large quantity of material, including six serviceable howitzers and a number of other guns and armoured cars. The enemy air strength has been made negligible. Twenty-five enemy aircraft have been destroyed or put out of action. One of these was shot down by an R.A.F. fighter when it was attempting to bomb the cantonment at Habbaniyah.

Yesterday, Iraqi aerodromes were again bombed. At Sharaban, four aircraft were destroyed by fire and others were damaged. At Hanadli, howitzers, three Brens and one other aircraft were machine-gunned. A later raid on the same aerodrome caused a huge blaze which undoubtedly was an oil dump.

## Completely Smashed

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters).—The R.A.F. has now broken if not completely smashed Raschid Ali's air arm. As a fighting force, it has ceased to be effective, says the Air Ministry news service.

A senior officer of the R.A.F. is quoted as saying that with the air force "practically liquidated," the Iraqis certainly cannot undertake any air offensive of any value. Final smashing blows were delivered on Thursday on landing grounds north of Baghdad and at Raschid airbase.

## Women Evacuated

CAIRO, May 9 (Reuters).—All British women and children in Baghdad have now left for India by sea, it is announced. American-built troop-carrying aircraft of the R.A.F. brought a party numbering over 200 to the south of Basra from Habbaniyah. The pilot of one aircraft said that his plane was shot at by Iraqis, who, at that time, were on the desert front overlooking the aerodrome at Habbaniyah. "They must know we are taking women aboard," he said. "These troops' barriers had been turned to Page 2, Column Five."

## \$10,000 GIFT TO BOMBER FUND

A further generous donation of \$10,000 to the Bomber Fund has been received from the Hongkong Club. Shortly after the Fund opened in 1940, the Club subscribed \$5,000, and since that time, many contributions have been received from "Hongkong Club Bowlers" and other groups of members. All these donations are of course, apart from the many substantial donations received from individual members. Such whole-hearted response is most gratifying.

# Germans Launch Fiercest Attack Of Tobruk Siege

By IAN YINDRICH

Special to the "Telegraph"

INSIDE TOBRUK, May 2 (delayed) (UP).—Sixty German tanks and large forces of German infantry, including crack "panzer pioneers" who were flown especially from Italy for the job, last Thursday launched the fiercest attack during the three week siege.

Thirty German tanks and about 600 infantrymen and sappers penetrated the perimeter of the wire defences at one point under cover of German artillery fire which blasted the British for 36 hours. Dive bombers were active throughout Wednesday.

The Germans retained the Italian-built fort within the apex, 3,000 yards inside the defences near Aeroma road although the Australians heavily counter-attacked Thursday evening. Fourteen German tanks were destroyed on Thursday but the infantry retained their positions. The Germans hurled truckloads of infantry into the assault.

## Germans Feel Heat

HAIFA, May 9 (Reuters).—Complaining of terrible heat, small parties of Germans are approaching Australian patrols in the Tobruk area and offering to surrender, according to military personnel arriving on leave here. Some of the Germans had had no water for 48 hours. When asked where their rifles were, the Nazis replied that they had thrown them away. The Australians thereupon told them to go back and recover their rifles and then surrender.

# R.A.F. DEVASTATE GERMAN CITIES

400 Planes In Attack

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters).—The R.A.F. sent a record number of planes to bomb Germany—estimated at nearly 400 strong—which started up even before dusk. The German ship-building centres of Hamburg and Bremen were the chief targets. Berlin was also attacked.

## Axis Powers Scheme In Tokyo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 9 (Dömel).—Following similar meetings in Berlin and Rome, the general commission of the Mixed Experts' Committee organised under the Japanese-German-Italian alliance pact met for the first time to-day with Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, presiding.

Besides the Foreign Minister, Major-General Eugen Ott, German Ambassador, Signor Mario Indelli, Italian Ambassador, and Mr Tamao Sakamoto, Director of the European and Asiatic Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Office, attended the meeting. Referred to the committee meeting were various questions concerning the co-operation among the three Powers under the three-Power pact including economic questions.

## Middle East Air Raids

CAIRO, May 9 (Reuters).—In Abyssinia, R.A.F. and South African air force units, together with a Free French flight, carried out highly successful raids on enemy positions. Reconnaissance flights over the Mediterranean were made by aircraft of the Free Yugo-Slavia Air Force.

## N.E.I. OIL FOR JAPAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—An exclusive and authoritative source to-day reported that the Director of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands East Indies, Jonker Von Mook, and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr Yoshizawa, have concluded a new agreement obliging the N.E.I. to supply Japan with 925,000 tons of oil during the next six months.

It is understood that no high octane oil is included, although a small amount of petroleum suitable for lower grade aviation gasoline will be delivered.

# Nazis To Be Given Use Of French Colonial Territory

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, May 9 (UP).—Newspapers and diplomatic quarters believe that the new Franco-German agreement will allow Germans the right to traverse French colonies and mandated territories.

The Government's newspaper "Magyarország" said: "The Germans would thus be able to march on Dakar and prevent a possible American landing."

It added that the pact will allow the Germans to establish bases in Syria against the British positions in the Middle East; this would affect Turkey and Iraq and also include Tunisia, where the Axis forces would be obliged to enter from Sicily, which would affect Morocco.

# Germans Lose 87 Bombers In The Last Nine Days

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters).—A lull in the daylight air battles between British and German fighters over southern England and the Channel occurred to-day.

This followed two days of heavy reverses for the Luftwaffe in which the Nazis lost at least 22 planes in miles-high combats with British Hurricanes and Spitfires.

## Australian Labour Split

Leadership Change

CANBERRA, May 9 (Reuters).—A trial of strength seems to be developing between the two wings of the Australian Federal Labour Party, one headed by the Federal Labour leader and journalist Mr John Curtin, and the other by Mr Herbert Evatt (former judge of the High Court in Australia) and Mr J. A. Beasley.

There are indications that the issue will be transferred to the secret arena of the Labour Party caucus. The possibility is being discussed of a change of Party leadership being brought about with the eventual move by the Party either to assume Parliamentary power or enter the National Government.

The Labour Party had previously declined Mr Menzies' repeated invitation to join the National administration, but agreed to participate in an advisory council of which Mr Evatt and Mr Beasley are members.

## Defence Post Merged

CANBERRA, May 9 (Reuters).—The Australian War Cabinet has decided to appoint the General Officer Commanding the military forces in Australia to have sole charge of Australian defence. He will deal with general strategic defence problems, troop movements and the disposition of forces within Australia, which has hitherto been a divided responsibility.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, M. G. R. Duval as a Vice-Consul for France in Hongkong.

# Cornwall Sinks Raider Following Gun Duel

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—Authoritative quarters believe that the raider sunk by the cruiser Cornwall was a former Hansa liner of 10,000 tons and was probably armed with six 5.9 guns, torpedo tubes and fitted for mine laying.

She had a speed of 19 knots and possibly a large crew of about 800 men for putting prize crews aboard seized ships. First reports indicated that the raider gave battle and made no attempt to scuttle.

In this respect, it is noteworthy that the Admiralty last week announced by radio a warning that enemy ships will be fired on in the future if any attempt is made to scuttle.

## Enemy Trawler Sunk

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters).—A German armed trawler, Munchen, was scuttled in northern waters following an attack by one of the British patrols, states an Admiralty communiqué. Fire was opened by the British ship and the crew on the Munchen then abandoned and scuttled their ship. They were subsequently rescued and made prisoners.

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**UNWELCOME**—Admiral Alberto Lais, Italian naval attaché in Washington, whose recall has been requested by State Department, at insistence of President Roosevelt. Note states he is persona non grata because of connection with unlawful acts—presumably ship sabotage.

# GERMANS ADMIRE BRITONS

German people are openly expressing their admiration at the way Britons stand up to mass air raids.

This was stated in New York by Edwin Shanke, American newspaper correspondent who has returned from the German capital.

"Germans are amazed," he said. "They openly expressed their admiration."

"They had always respected the British for their toughness and for the bulldog spirit in them."

**Name is Mud**

"They never underestimated the Englishman—but they expected him to crack under the horror of aerial bombardment."

Shanke scored a major point when the R.A.F. started raids on Berlin last August, Shanke wrote.

Berliners were reminded of Goring's boast that his name would be "schmutz" (mud). If a single British plane broke through the Reich capital's defences.

The raids on Berlin have not inflicted widespread physical damage, but their value lies in the extent to which they have shown the efficiency of German war workers.

German propaganda itself is making the average man consider two new factors.

One is the continued British resistance; the other, United States aid to Britain.

There is still no sign of the German people in general losing their confidence in ultimate victory.

Their morale appears to be unshaken, but, Shanke points out, this is not true.

They have no upper hand on the European Continent.

The delay in the promised invasion of England—if this is a delay and not part of the programme—would be the first change in the war schedule.

# Internment In Canada

OTTAWA, May 4 (UP).—Canada has 2,870 men and women behind the barbed wire of internment camps, Justice Minister Ernest Lapointe revealed in the Dominion House of Commons.

The total includes German and Italian nationals and members of communities and other groups which the government believes are prejudicial to the safety of the state, he explained. Lapointe refused to reveal the number of internees in each category.

Eight hundred and sixty men and 10 women had been interned under section 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations, he said. This section deprives those arrested of right of appeal and other legal recourse, including the habeas corpus writ.

Industrials were the chief feature, Courtstads and Dunlops making further progress.

Calls displayed some late activity, especially in the Anglo-Canadian stocks.

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (GARDEN ROAD)

#### Annual Meeting of Diocesan Missionary Association

8 a.m. Holy Communion and in the Peak Church.  
11 a.m. Morning and Sermon, Preacher Rev. A. E. Jones.  
6.30 p.m. Evening and Sermon, Preacher Rev. C. Strong (R.N.). There will be the usual Sunday evening social after the Evening service, and all will be welcome. Holy Communion will be celebrated—7.30 a.m. Thursday; 7.45 a.m. Friday (in Cantonese).

Notes for the Week  
Baptism on Monday 9 p.m.  
Annual meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Association on Monday 10 at 8.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Tea at 8.45 p.m.

### EMMANUEL CHURCH (118, NATHAN ROAD)

Sunday, May 11.—11 a.m. Morning Worship followed by Communion service. Preacher: Rev. John F. Steiner. 3 p.m. Service. 7.30 p.m. Bible Study. 8.30 p.m. Special Song Service conducted by Brigadier General Sir Arthur. 9.15 p.m. Evening service. Preacher: Brigadier General Sir Arthur. 10.15 p.m. Special Song Service conducted by Brigadier General Sir Arthur. 11 a.m. Morning Worship followed by Communion service. Preacher: Rev. John F. Steiner. 3 p.m. Service. 7.30 p.m. Bible Study. 8.30 p.m. Special Song Service conducted by Brigadier General Sir Arthur. 9.15 p.m. Evening service. Preacher: Brigadier General Sir Arthur. 10.15 p.m. Special Song Service conducted by Brigadier General Sir Arthur. 11 a.m. Morning Worship followed by Communion service. Preacher: Rev. John F. Steiner. 3 p.m. Service. 7.30 p.m. Bible Study. 8.30 p.m. Special Song Service conducted by Brigadier General Sir Arthur. 9.15 p.m. Evening service. Preacher: Brigadier General Sir Arthur. 10.15 p.m. Special Song Service conducted by Brigadier General Sir Arthur.

### CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Rev. H. A. Wittenbach To Preach at Mattins

Sunday, May 11, 4th Sunday after Easter.  
Services in English—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m. Mattins; 11 a.m. Morning Service. Preacher: Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, acting Vicar of St. Andrew's. Hymns: 157, 619, 423. 3.30 p.m. Service. Preacher: Rev. H. A. Wittenbach. Hymns: 64, 531, 800, 92, 159. Evening service at 7 p.m.—Hymns 12, 662, 678.

Notes for the Week  
Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.30 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed. 11 a.m. Holy Communion at the S. & S. Home. Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. Meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at S. & S. Home.

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Rev. W. G. B. Ream to Conduct Morning Service

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Preachers—Morning, Rev. W. G. B. Ream; 10.15 a.m. Service. Preacher: Rev. W. G. B. Ream. Hymns: 64, 531, 800, 92, 159. Evening service at 7 p.m.—Hymns 12, 662, 678.

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### UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Services 8 p.m.  
Preacher at both services, Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow.

### LOST IN APRIL

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that British shipping losses in April were 100 ships of 469,124 tons.

# Duties On Toilet Requisites

The rates of duty on toilet preparations were published in to-day's "Government Gazette" and are as follows:—  
On any quantity for retail at a price (excluding the duty) not exceeding 10 cents—one cent duty; over 10 cents and not exceeding 20 cents—two cents; over 20 cents and not exceeding 50 cents—five cents; over 50 cents and not exceeding \$1—10 cents; over \$1 and not exceeding \$1.50—15 cents; over \$1.50 and not exceeding \$2—20 cents; and in addition, for every dollar or fraction of a dollar by which the retail price exceeds \$2—10 cents.

Toilet preparations means any substance commonly used for the toilet, and includes: toilet soap; shaving soap and cream; tooth paste or powder and liquid preparations for dental purposes or mouth washes; perfumed spritzes; toilet paste or powder; toilet cream; hair dye; scented sachets; lipstick, rouge and grease paint; preparations for use in manicure and chiropody; preparations whether medicinal or not for use on the hair, face and body; bath salts and essences; smelling salts; prepared Fuller's earth, but does not include any substance made and sold under a name or synonym specified in the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Pharmaceutical Codex.

# Appointments And Personnel

Second Lieutenant G. A. L. Plummer has been allowed to resign his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from April 30.

Mr. C. F. Bellamy has been appointed a member of the Compulsory Service Tribunal during the absence from the Colony of Mr. C. Blaker.

The following have been appointed members of the Court of the University of Hongkong: Dr. G. D. R. Black for a further period of three years with effect from April 20; Dr. H. B. Baker, the Rev. F. G. Byrne, S.J., Mr. S. J. Williamson and Mr. James Chang, Ling-wong for three years with effect from April 1.

Mr. V. C. Branson resumed duty as Government Chemist on April 27, 1941.

His Excellency the Governor has approved the relinquishment by Acting Lieutenant G. P. Carey of his commission in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force as from April 20.

# Food Prices Announced

The maximum prices for the following articles of food have been fixed by the Controller of Food, Mr. D. L. Newbould, as follows:—

Argentine Tinned Beef—"Cap" bristlet Beef, 2 lb tins—\$1.56 per tin; "Cap" bristlet beef, 4 lb tins—\$3.12 per tin; "Cap" Corned beef, 12 oz tins—\$4.26 per tin; "Cap" corned beef, 6 lb tins—\$4.26 per tin; "Cap" roast beef, 12 oz tins—\$7 cents per tin.

Rolls Oats and Oatmeal—Three Buns, bags of 90 lbs, \$18.95 per bag; Three Buns, 21 cents per lb.

# Army Actors Aid Theatre

The Army—off-duty—has gone all theatrical. Soldiers spend their spare time—and for a series of all-Army shows in aid of professional theatricals hit by the blitz.

It is the Army's way of repaying the stage for all they have done for them since war began.

Behind the scheme is Lady Gordon-Finlayson, wife of the G.O.C. Western Command.

**Hot Rhythm Band**  
She has written to Army concert organisers in the command asking them to put on public performances to raise funds for the hard-hit-by-the-war theatre folk.

First of these shows—"Ack-Ack Parade," written and produced by a twenty-four-year-old bombardier—will be presented at a North Wales seaside resort.

The men—gunners, bombardiers and sergeants in the Royal Artillery, who have been lent a large theatre—are doing their own advertising and have made their own costumes.

They have formed a complete and first-class hot rhythm band.

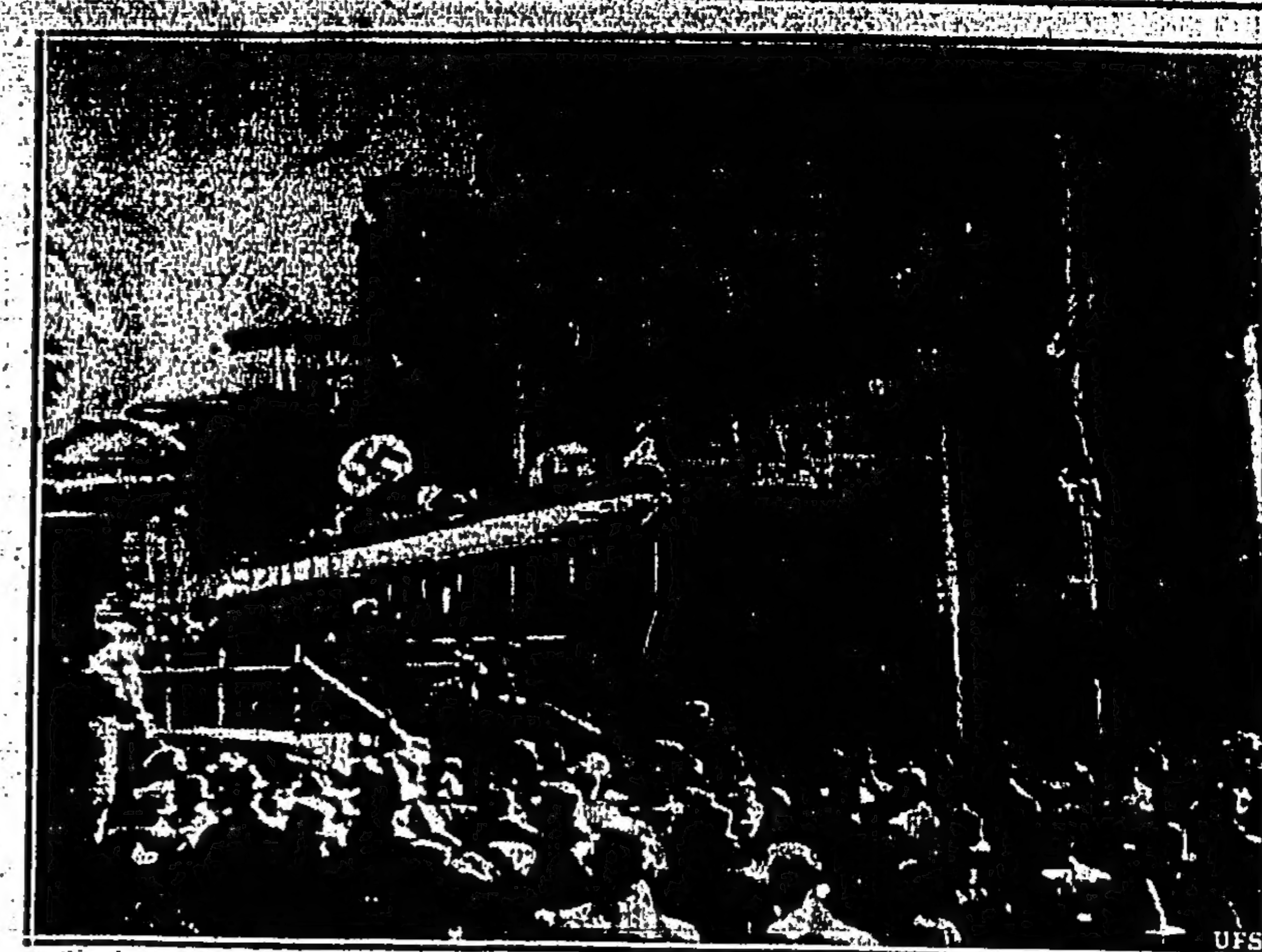
# Japan Flag Burned By Koreans

A small Japanese flag was burned before the Los Angeles Japanese Consulate by the Korean colony in a demonstration for Korean independence recently.

Police made no attempt to interfere. Once a Year

Members of the Japanese Consulate said they did not witness the flag-burning episode and added they would ignore it as a "routine demonstration that happens once a year."

The Koreans, some clad in native costumes, marched before the consulate building, carrying banners denouncing Japan and shouting "Down with the Axis powers." "Korea demands independence," "Japan calls United States spake," and similar remarks.



**NAZI SHOW PIECE**—Borliners pay 50 pfennings or more to view this historic Compiegne armistice car in the Lustgarten. This is the car in which Germany signed the armistice in 1918 and in which Franco capitulated. This radio picture was flashed from Berlin to New York.

# Vichy Wheat Supply

## Conditions Laid Down

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The United States Government has agreed provisionally to allow France to buy two shiploads of wheat monthly for the unoccupied zone of Vichy.

Mr. M. Henri Haue, French Ambassador, declared to-day.

Mr. Haue said that France would pay with funds frozen in America. Mr. Sumner Welles, the United States Under-Secretary of State, had told him that the arrangement would continue "providing the general situation does not change."

This is taken to mean here that the plan largely depends on political developments in France, particularly to the extent of any Franco-German "collaboration."

# ELECTION FOR HONGKONG J.P.

An election by the Justices of the Peace of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board for three years, in place of Mr. G. S. Archbutt, whose term of office expires on May 10, will take place in the Council Chamber of the Urban Council on Wednesday, May 28, commencing at 4 p.m.

Forms of nomination may be obtained at the Magistracy, Hongkong. Every nomination must be delivered to Mr. H. G. Sheldon, First Police Magistrate, not less than six clear days before the day fixed for the election.

The only persons entitled to vote at the election are the unofficial Justices of the Peace.

Voting will commence at 4 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m. when the ballot-box will be closed.

# SPANISH-GERMAN INTERCHANGE OF TECHNICIANS

MADRID, May 9 (Reuter).—The question of an interchange of Spanish and German technicians and specialists was discussed during a visit to Germany of Senor Salvador Merino of the National Delegate of Syndicates, who arrived back in Barcelona by plane on Friday after seeing Hess, Ley and Ribbentrop.

Senor Merino said that the interchange of syndical chiefs between countries was decided upon and that his journey would be fruitful for both Spain and Germany.

# MR MENZIES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, arrived here to-day for a series of conferences with President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hall, Secretary of State.

He is accompanied by Mr. F. G. Shedden, Secretary of the Australian War Cabinet. It is understood that they will discuss plans for naval collaboration under certain circumstances, as well as the Lend and Lease programme.

# Malta Defences Score Again

MALTA, May 9 (Reuter).—Three Nazi bombers are believed to have been destroyed in an unsuccessful attack on shipping off Valetta harbour to-day.

The attack was made in bad weather by a small formation of aircraft, followed by reconnaissance and fighter patrols.

An official communiqué says that British fighters shot down one Junkers 87, one Junkers 88 and probably a third.

# Retail Price For Burma Rice

The retail price for Burma rice has been fixed by the Controller of Food, Mr. D. L. Newbould, as follows:—Grade No. 1—10 cents per catty; \$14.80 per picul; Grade No. 2—14 cents per catty, \$14 per picul.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for Colonies, Mr. S. J. Kimura, as Consul for Japan in Hongkong.

# British Forces Gain Successes In Iraq

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reinforcements from India to Habbaniya.

**Ankara Conferences**  
VICHY, May 9 (Reuter).—Sayid Husni Shawki, the Iraqi Defence Minister, who arrived at Ankara yesterday, has had interviews with the Turkish Prime Minister, Dr. Refik Saydam, the Foreign Minister, M. Shokru Sarajoglu, and the Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry, M. Genecaloglu, according to an Ankara telegram.

The talk with the Prime Minister was a long one and was followed by a Cabinet meeting.

Well-informed circles are said to be maintaining great reserve regarding Hajj Shawki's visit and the Turkish press merely mentions his arrival in two lines without comment.

**Financial Restrictions**  
LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The prohibition of payments or transfers of gold, securities, etc., where instructions emanate from any person, corporation, or other authority resident in Iraq except with the Treasury's permission, is made by an Order in Council.

This is announced in directions issued by the Treasury to bankers to-day.

The announcement adds that any questions arising from the above instructions should be referred to the Treasury.

**R.A.F. Start Large Fire**  
CAIRO, May 9 (Reuter).—R.A.F. Headquarters announce that a very large fire, started near the Rashid airbase of the Iraqis on Thursday morning, was still burning fiercely in the afternoon.

One pilot, who had been on numerous raids over Germany and France, declared that it was easily the biggest blaze he had seen anywhere.

"Something very big and very important" was the official description of the fire.

The Rashid aerodrome, a few miles from Baghdad, was founded by the R.A.F. and was formerly known as Hanadi. Thousands of R.A.F. men have served there.

# BERLIN RAISES Legal Point

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—Germany has sent a note to the United States stating that the proposed legislation for requisitioning foreign ships violates International Law and the American-German Commerce Treaty by authorising the seizure of German ships without the consent of the German Government.

# Italians' Menus For Week-Ends

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—Under new regulations, the consumption of beef, lamb and goat meat in Italy is restricted to Saturday and Sunday, says a Rome dispatch to the "New York Herald-Tribune."

Previously consumption of meat was permitted on three days each week.

# Hongkong Defence Reserve

The following have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve:—John Whyatt, Robert Joseph Bost, Herbert Graham Fuller, Thomas Blackburn, Frederick Devereaux, Arthur Henry Harris, Kenneth Gendwood, McKenzie.

# Kremlin Suppresses Yugo-Slav Mission

MOSCOW, May 9 (Reuter).—Following their withdrawal of diplomatic recognition from the Norwegian and Belgian Missions in Moscow, the U.S.S.R. Government has now informed the Yugoslav Legation that diplomatic recognition can no longer be extended to that Mission.

# Vaccine For Spain

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Five thousand tubes of anti-diphtheria vaccine have been sent to Spain by the Pasteur Institute in Paris, according to the "Rassemblement" radio. The vaccine is a threatened epidemic in Spain.

# Clark Kerr's Downright Statement

CHUNGKING, May 9 (Reuter).—A denial that Britain was contemplating closure of the Burma Road was made by the Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, to-day.

Referring to the persistent rumours that Britain intended to close the road, the Ambassador said, "I propose to stop these rumours once and for all. With the full authority of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, I am able to state that there is no foundation for the rumours."

"The British Government's policy of friendship to China as shown by the reopening of the Burma Road remains the same, and I can assure you that the Burma Road will remain open."

# PORTUGAL AND THE AZORES

LISBON, May 9 (Reuter).—Portugal could resist though she does not expect attacks, states an official communiqué issued in reply to the American Senator Claude Pepper's suggestion that the United States and Britain should forestall the Nazis by jointly occupying territories including the Azores and Cape Verde Islands.

No request or suggestion about the use of Portuguese ports or bases on the mainland or Atlantic Islands has been received from any belligerent or other state, the communiqué adds.

**Precautions**  
LISBON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Battle of the Atlantic has turned attention to Portugal and although the Government is not unduly perturbed by the latest turn-of-the-international situation, normal precautions are being taken for the defence of the home front.

A communiqué issued last night announcing the reinforcement of the three Portuguese archipelagos "as an affirmation of Portuguese sovereignty" was, however, the first intimation to the public of Portugal that these islands have been mentioned in the United States Senate, it being the usual practice to suppress external references to Portugal.

**Rumours Countered**  
Any suggestion that the war may involve Portugal always arouses considerable irritation, but this is the first time that the Government has issued an official pronouncement to counter "rumours launched by various news agencies and wireless stations."

After publishing the assurances received from the United States Government that "their intention is to respect Portuguese sovereignty absolutely," the communiqué states that the Government has received no request or suggestion about the use of Portuguese ports or bases on the mainland or Atlantic Islands from any of the belligerents or other states.

# Japanese Successes Point A Moral

CHUNGKING, May 9 (Reuter).—The signing of the Japanese-Indo-China trade agreement and the French-Thailand Treaty complete the first stage of the Japanese penetration of the southern Pacific, declares the Chinese official organ, the "Central Daily News."

It says that Britain, the United States, China, Australia and the Dutch East Indies stand on the same front with identical interests, and must jointly devise plans to meet the next Japanese move. "We hope that the past mistakes of being too late or inadequately prepared will not be repeated."

# More U.S. Ships To China

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The inauguration of a service to the Red Sea area with ships of United States registry, and an additional service to China is announced to-day by the United States Maritime Commission.

Refusing further details, the Commission stated, "We have adopted an iron-clad policy of not giving out any information of ship movements which might possibly be to Britain's detriment."

# POST OFFICE

MAILS TO AND FROM

Air Mail Service by British Overseas Airways to places west of Karachi (India) is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to address in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended: Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulungau), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

# INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th May American Airways date, 10th May  
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th May American Airways date, 16th May

# OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Wednesday, May 14  
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."

K.P.O.  
Reg. .... May 14, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 14, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.

Reg. .... May 14, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 14, 7 p.m.  
Friday, May 16

Air Mail by Air to Bangkok to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O. and G.P.O.  
Reg. .... May 16, 4 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 16, 4.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."

K.P.O.  
Reg. .... May 20, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... May 20, 5.30 p.m.

# PRIEST'S PRIVATE CODE

A code by which, it was stated, information could be sent out of the country was found in the possession of the Rev. Father George Colum McCabe, 26, of St Ambrose's Rectory, Kidderminster, a Roman Catholic priest, on his arrival by air at a Lancashire aerodrome from Dublin.

A few hours later he was fined £20 at Eccles for having in his possession "a document containing instructions for utilising means of secretly conveying information outside the United Kingdom contrary to the Defence Regulations, 1939."







# "WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

## League Gets Off To Good Start

### New System of Scoring Seems More Equitable

#### B. Basto's Rare Achievement

THE LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE went off to a good start last week when a full programme of matches (five in the First Division and four each in the Second and Third) was played. There was nothing very startling in the day's scoring except for one seven by Bob Duncan's rink and several sixes.

It is interesting to note that in spite of his seven, Duncan was beaten by B. Basto 22-24. While I am not strong on bowls statistics, I think Basto's "achievement" is rather rare; at least, I do not recall any instance of a ship losing a seven in the course of a League game and then finishing up on the winning end.

Perhaps some of my readers have known of such occurrences—in which case I would welcome knowledge of them.

It is yet far too early to know how the new system of scoring will affect the championships, but last week's results indicate that the present arrangement is certainly more equitable than the old.

For instance, although both the Kowloon F.C. and the Hongkong C.C. were up on two rinks in their matches against Hongkong F.C. and Recreio respectively in the Third Division, they were beaten on aggregate.

Under the old system, neither the K.F.C. nor the H.K.C.C. would have had a point whereas their opponents would have been credited with two each. But under the new arrangement, the H.K.F.C. and Recreio have three points each and the K.F.C. and H.K.C.C. two each.

Therefore, in order to obtain maximum points, it is not sufficient to win on aggregate; a team must win on all three rinks.

The system is simple enough, but I was rather surprised last week to find that many League players had not yet understood it. It is this:

Two points for an aggregate win (i.e. the total number of shots).

One point for each rink win.

The maximum number of points, therefore, for each match is five, and victories must be registered by all three rinks to claim them.

UNDOUBTEDLY the match of the week was that between Recreio "A" and Craigengower at King's Park. The meetings of these old rivals are always worth watching, for they generally produce play of a high standard, and last week's game, though played at the beginning of the season, was no exception. Frankly, I had expected Recreio "A" to win by more than the one shot they did. And the result might

### Programme Of To-day's Matches

THE LEAGUE SCHEDULE for this afternoon is as follows:

#### FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio "A"  
C.C.C. v. K. Docks  
Police v. C.S.C.C.  
Recreio "B" v. Indian R.C.  
K.B.G.C. "A" v. K.B.G.C. "B"

#### SECOND DIVISION

K. Tong v. Recreio  
Prison O.C. v. Kowloon C.C.  
H.K.F.C. v. C.C.C.  
Taikoo v. Kowloon F.C.

#### THIRD DIVISION

Kowloon F.C. v. C.C.C.  
Indian R.C. v. H.K.F.C.  
Recreio v. Police  
Electric v. H.K.C.C.

have gone the other way had Carlos Silva not scored a brace in the last head against C. S. Roscoe. U. M. Omar's six-shot victory over F.K.M. da Silva very nearly gave the Valley team three points instead of the one with which they had to be content.

IN the same match at Soekunpoo last year, the Indians beat Police by a record margin. But they had to go all out to win last week, and it was not until the last few heads that they could get in front of their opponents.

The visitors were up on all three rinks at the start, and at tea time were still 15 shots ahead, principally as the result of Shepherd's lead of 14 shots over A. K. Minu. Wally Muir and M. R. Abbas were all square and A. R. Dallah was a shot in front of E. G. Post.

The second half saw Dallah and Abbas forge ahead and their victories

### Czechoslovakian Skating Star Has 2,500 Suitors

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois, Apr. 29. —No less than 2,500 Americans want to help pretty Vera Hrubá, the Czechoslovakian skating star, to avoid deportation by marrying her. That many proposals, Miss Hrubá said, were received after her plight was publicized in the press. She is threatened with deportation because her passport as an entertainer has expired. She said she would rather "die than return to Europe."

were sufficient to give the Indians victory by 12 shots, although Shepherd was 11 ahead of A. K. Minu at the finish.

JOCK McKelvie's 23-22 victory over J. J. Basto prevented Recreio "B" from making a clean sweep in their match against Kowloon B.G.C. "B" at Austin Road.

At Hung Hom, however Kowloon B.G.C. "A" had no difficulty in beating Kowloon Docks though J. Kempson's win over G. H. Sheriff gave the Docks one point.

EXCEPT for the nine-shot margin between J. F. MacGowan and E. C. Fincher, the encounter between Civil Service C.C. and Kowloon C.C. at Happy Valley was a very close affair.

M. N. Rakusen was beaten by one shot by T. A. Madar while C. Strange and J. Fraser tied, each scoring 20.

TO-DAY'S programme does not promise to be as interesting as last week's, but there should be some close results. While Recreio "A," Craigengower and Kowloon B.G.C. "A" ought to win their matches against Kowloon C.C., Kowloon Docks and Kowloon B.G.C. "B" respectively, the Police v. Civil Service and Recreio "B" v. Indian matches will probably have very little in them at the end.

The Civil Servants did well to take 3½ points from the K.C.C. last week but I doubt whether they will obtain the lion's share of the spoils to-day.

The Indians, in my opinion, should beat Recreio "B" in spite of the latter's advantage of green.

### SPORTS ADVT.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 10th MAY, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE  
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Admission is obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No Children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE  
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
G. B. BROWN, Secretary,  
Hongkong, 6th May, 1941.

Ratcliffe (Sappers) connecting with a hefty hit to left field in the opening baseball match against the Canadians at Caroline Hill last Saturday. Gashouse Oliver is behind the mask with Dave Walker calling the decisions.—Ming Yuen.

### "Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:



CHAMPION HURDLER.—D. O. Finlay, of Olympic Games fame, is now a leader of a fighter squadron which has destroyed more than 100 enemy aircraft. He recently took over a new Spitfire provided by the Observer Corps and in each of his first three flights brought down a Messerschmitt.

### Lou Ambers Hangs Up His Gloves

NEW YORK, Apr. 30 (Reuter). —Lou Ambers has followed "Hammerin'" Henry Armstrong into retirement. Beaten for the second time by Lew Jenkins, the "Kidney Kid" from Texas with sage brush for hair and rocks in his hands, as one American sports writer described him, Ambers has gone back to his laundry shop in Herkimer, New York.

From now on he will concentrate on bringing up his young son, Anthony, to follow in his footsteps as a boxer.

Like Armstrong, Ambers went out of the fight game in a blaze of glory. Trying to "come back" as a welterweight, he found the deadly punches of Jenkins too much for him after putting up a thrilling show for six rounds, but he was still gamely trying to carry on when Arthur Donovan, heading the frantic cries of Ambers' manager, Al Wells, to "stop it," mercifully stepped in and ended things.

#### End of the Road

WITH Armstrong, once holder of three world titles—featherweight, lightweight and welterweight—simultaneously, it was his eyes, badly battered from years of ring campaigning, that forced him to retire. With Ambers it was his legs. They just got tired from years of carrying Ambers around boxing rings, and simply refused to function any longer.

Ambers accepted his defeat and his exit from boxing as sportingly as he has fought all his fights. He did not talk about trying to fight again, for he realized that every boxer must come to the end of the road and that his time for this had arrived.

Well, who feels for Ambers the affection he would feel for a son, declared that Lou would "never fight again if I have anything to do with it."

Ambers is well off, financially, is happily married and his senses are still clear. He can look forward to many years of happiness.

# Softball Attains Major Place In Local Girls' Sports

## Selecting An All-Star Team For 1940/41 Season

### Useful Pointers On Play

(By "Ball Fan")

BLITZKRIEGING across another highly successful ball-playing horizon, softball in Hongkong, to-day, is a women's major pastime in the realm of big time sport. In the short space of three years since the Colony's initial ladies' game at the Filipino Club introduced this sport to Hongkongites, its popularity in a recreative sense has taken the athletic minded members of the feminine set by storm, and very few, if any, other athletic activities can claim, locally, to have more active competitors from the weaker sex.

To the femmes, this game is an ideal form of healthful exercise as the throwing distances are not too great for the average girl to master while the danger of injury is small. The rules and general technique are simple enough to be quickly learned. From a purely educational point of view softball has its own benefits as an active sport for girls and ladies, in that it gradually brings about the ability to think quickly, to co-ordinate thought and action, to exercise good judgment and a certain facility in finding out, in advance, the thoughts and actions of others.

Not the least of the advantages of the game are the development in girls of loyalty and self confidence, as well as a sense of responsibility and good sportsmanship.

Although many promising rookies have made their appearance on softball's glittering horizon this year, veteran players who have held down major positions since the start of local organized girls' ball continue to dominate the spotlight and have shown tremendous improvement.

The two new teams, Chung Hwa Maroons and Los Florinba Belles, in their debut this season showed promise of returning next year with the same fight and enthusiasm, but with better balance and as more serious threats to other teams.

The year has brought out yet another batch of outstanding rookies who in the not too far distant will fall in line alongside names that have glittered in women's softball circles since the inception of this game here.

Cardinal starlets, Betty Fitzgerald and Alice Tsang, little Panther "milk bottle" Marques, Wahoo Coco Yelle, Chung Hwa Maroonettes Nellie Lee and Lily Siu all came under the "worthy comment" theme as new born stars of the year.

Truelight Girls' newly incorporated team also came in for their share of new found stars and in youngsters Margery Woo, Rosie Lau, Jenny Wong and Chie Yuen-ching have a rookie quartet who will be standout stars in future days.

PICKING an all-star team here in the Colony has its difficult proportions to surmount, in that "mythical beasts" are always chosen from the positions they've played in all year, and in this respect most teams in our girls' loop, appear to place the "what's left" on their respective teams in the outfield, with the result that the outfield spots generally harbour the "real weak" on each team. However here goes.

The Premier battery combination on our mythical all Hongkong team would probably find Rosita Bagan-Lewis, Cardinal handspinning firebrand, teaming up with Maple Leaf hurler, Mary Ng.

Card star Rosita plays at the handspinning spot like a veteran, displays real ability, complete confidence and is a peppery fireball in her every move. With this star Redbird catcher playing regularly, Dixie Walker's cuties would be real serious contenders for the pennant.

The deceptive hurling of Mary Ng has kept the Maple Leafs right in the thick of the pennant fight all year long and her smoky indignity balls have fooled many a young starlet out there on the diamond this year. A dream infield and as safe an inner defence as this Colony could produce with a maximum thought to all-round talent would find the heavy hitting yet terpsichorean fielding Yvonne Yelle, a sure bet on first base, flanked by an incomparable keystone duo of either Ullan Khoo or Irene Pereira and Irene Castilho, a double featured sure catching combination, with the strong armed Gloria Mar on third.

Our highly sensitive girls' teams generally push out the lesser lights into the outfield, but from this past season's galaxy of pastures women we should be able to find a trio that would do justice on any fighting team.

Mary Mar at left with the newest sensation, Dolly Brown, at right would just about satisfy any manager's outfield problem in a local sense. Rookie Betty Fitzgerald, whom Coach Dixie Walker states has patrolled the outfield pastures with the Cards in quite a few games this season, would come under the "outfield eligible category" and would complete a neat fly-shagging trio at centre field.

### Weekly Wind-up

Hongkong's heat-perishing baseball weather has arrived at last! All we need is the league opener, in all its sweat-bearing pomp and ceremony, to make it complete—Mindango's pennant holding champs are out there practising pretty steadily—Fireballer Ski Powlawski expects the gang to nab the flag again this year with a "two in a row achievement."

G. G. Lee, Lyman Quon and some of the Canadian Chinese Club diehards are donating sixty dollars worth of coupons to the three outstanding Canuckettes of the year.

Dolly Brown is all set to hurl for Dixie Walker's Cardinals, next season—Which just about makes Walker's winners—Betty Fitzgerald takes the Cardinal batting crown—Linda Fernandez tops the Club fielding averages—Both starlets will be rewarded with high class ball gloves.

P. K. Lau's Chung Hwa Maroons open up their baseball season this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. in an exhibition game against the U.S.S. Tulsa—Caroline Hill sand park will be the scene of the affair.

Margery Woo, Truelight's starry handspinning is a honey behind the platter—Will surprise even the most critical gashouses with her sling to second if she gets out there on the ball diamond next year.

throw with a weak forearm motion. The overhand and sidearm are the two proper methods of throwing and with proper coaching a girl should find that she can throw a considerable distance with a fair amount of accuracy.

Fielding seems to be an easier art for girls, and it appears that self confidence more than anything else helps a girl to master the intricacies of fielding grounders and fly balls.

Batting has its difficult spots in local organized girls' ball, and confidence once again comes into play at the platter with the more successful batsman keeping her eye on the ball at all times and not trying for a home run on every pitch.

IN summing up this year's girls' season we find that seven golden rules, if followed with a minimum amount of effort, would be of some benefit to any young lass in Hongkong as a softball player, both to herself and her team:

I. Keep cool. Never become flustered. The worst fault of any girl's team is the tendency to become excited and throw the ball around foolishly.

II. Make up your mind before the pitch what you will do if the ball is hit to you. Then do it if possible.

III. Don't make unnecessary throws. Outfielders should get the ball back to infielders "tres vite." Infielders to the pitcher.

IV. Don't throw the ball too hard if you are close to the other player.

V. Don't be flustered by an error. Forget about it and get out there and fight, fight and fight.

VI. Have real confidence at the platter. Wait for a good ball and, when swinging, swing with all the confidence in the world.

VII. Again, keep cool and be complete master of your actions out there on the diamond.

### Open Tennis Tourney

Sir—I take "BOMBER FUND SUPPORTER" as a foreigner who do not read Chinese newspapers, and the boycott was only told him by some others. To be fair to the Chinese, and not to say the least of the sportsmanship shown by our paper, I must make it clear to our foreign friends that the "South China Daily News" has never failed once to report the above tournament in full details, and has often enough printed its news with bold type headings.

I am a man who has written sports-news in Chinese as well as in English for nearly twenty years, and have always stood firm on the principle that sports should carry no political racial question whatever.

There is at least one Chinese editor who is having enough sense as "Bomber Fund Supporter", and ho, for being the only Chinese editor who publishes the news which is boycotted by all the others, is now "revenged" by the others trying to stop all his news sources which he has so far had the privilege to enjoy.

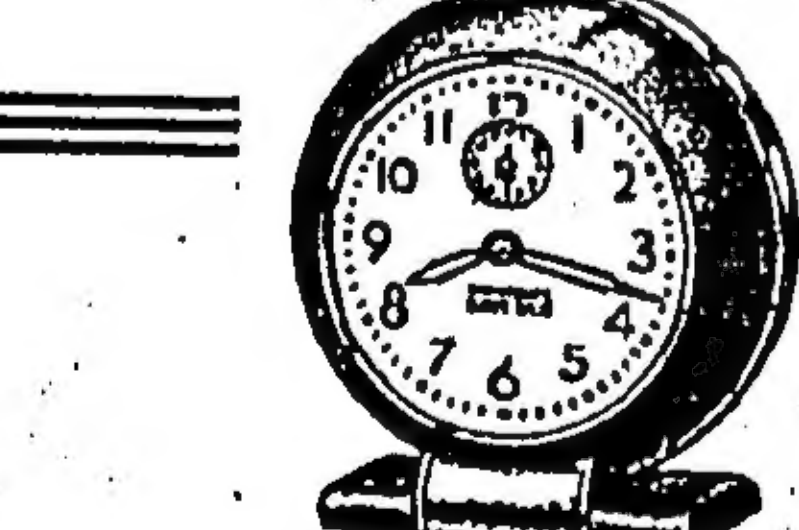
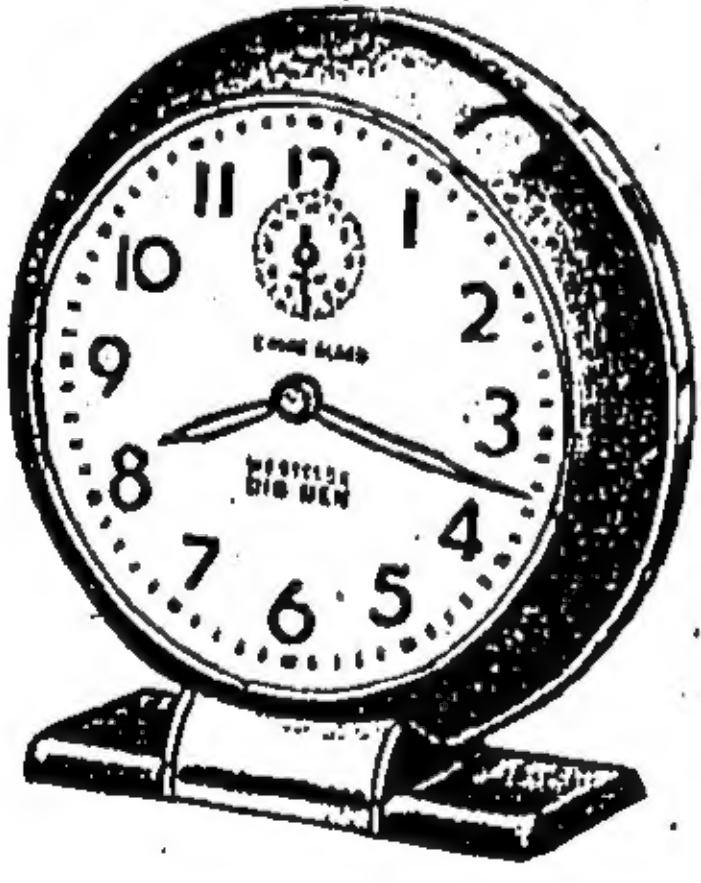
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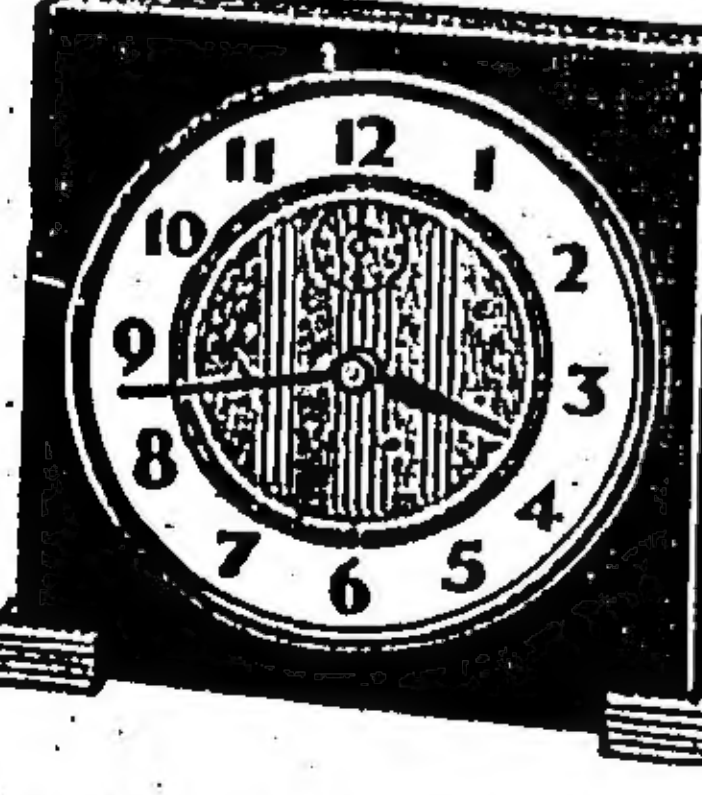


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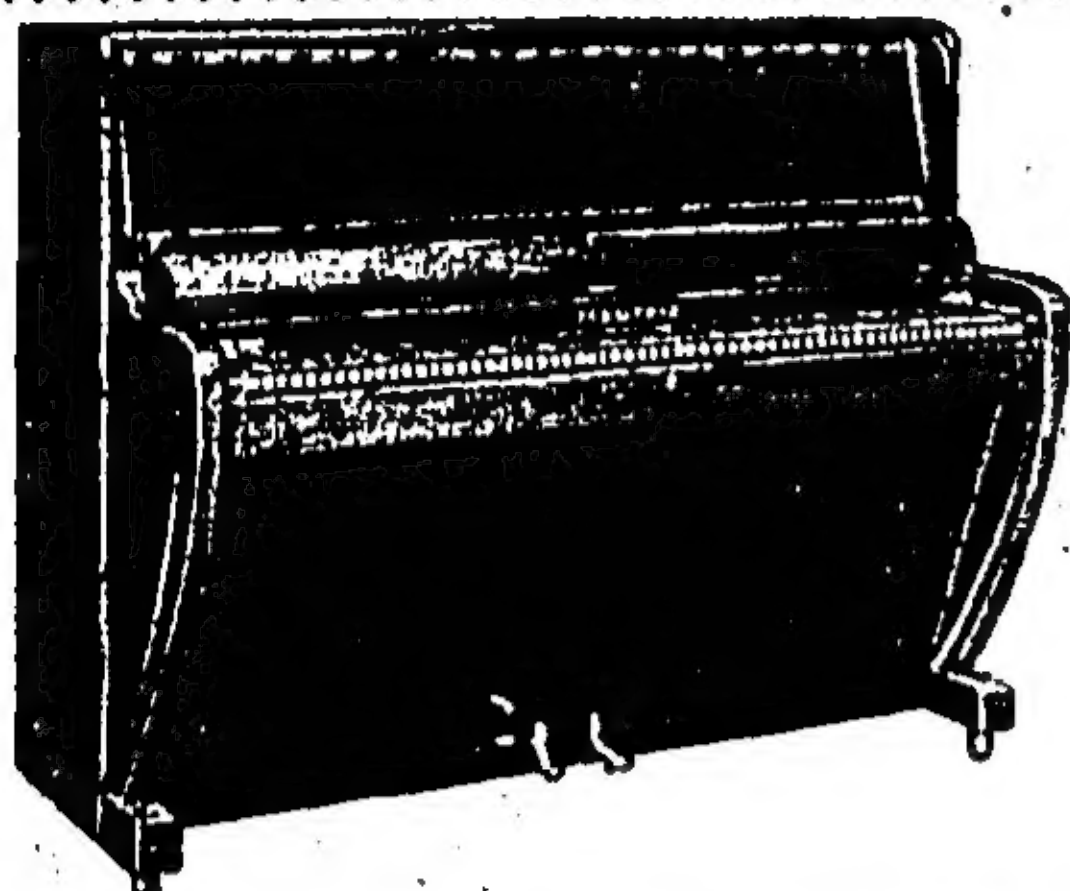
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Naturally, the real test perform-

ance details of the "Hitler's Head-

ache" are being kept a close secret,

as is the armament—which, it is

rumoured, is much heavier than

that of any other bomber at pre-

sent in operation or production.

It is stated that these armaments

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tacks from several fighters at once

without any outside assistance.

The extent of the work which has

to be put into the birth of a B 19

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contains more than ten miles of

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DETROIT, May 9 (UP).—A

new type of Ford Aeroplane

motor, weighing 1,900 pounds and

generating more than one

horsepower per pound, is nearly

ready for the market.

C. W. Van Ranst, Ford experi-

mental engineer, told the American

Society of Tool Engineers here that

mass production of the motor await-

ed only the completion of work on

the super-charger system, and that

the chief advantage of the motor

was its increased "bomb-carrying

capacity.

The motor has 12 cylinders, V-

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tached mechanically to the engine.

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the cylinder. The motor runs with

throttle wide open and speed

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# 80,000 PLANES FOR BRITAIN AND U.S.

By Sandor S. Klein

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—Defence officials are working on schedules envisaging production of 80,000 planes for the United States and Great Britain by the summer of 1943, including the 33,000 now on order.

## This Plane Is Hitler's Headache

By LOUIS MANSFIELD

The world's largest bomber-troop-carrier—it can take 125 fully-equipped soldiers 7,500 miles without refuelling—will shortly be in production in the United States.

It may therefore be available for Great Britain.

It is the monster B 19 Douglas Bomber, which has already been nicknamed "Hitler's Headache". Figures just disclosed show that it is more than twice the size of the famous Whitley, Britain's biggest, having a wing-span of 212 feet and an overall length of 122 feet.

Carrying a crew of ten, with sleeping accommodation for eight of them—and weighing 80 tons fully loaded, it carries a "war load" of 12 tons—18 tons of bombs and 10 tons of armaments, fuel, stores and undisclosed "electrics".

8,000 Horse-Power

The B 19's amazing range of 7,500 miles, fully loaded, is accounted for by the fuel capacity of 11,000 gallons carried in the wingtips and fuselage.

It is powered by four Wright Duplex engines, each developing 2,000 horse power, which, at a service ceiling of 22,000 to 25,000 feet, gives it a disclosed speed of 200 to 250 miles per hour.

Five hundred engineers have been working for more than four years to bring this gigantic "Hitler's Headache" into production.

Heavily Armed

Naturally, the real test performance details of the "Hitler's Headache" are being kept a close secret, as is the armament—which, it is rumoured, is much heavier than that of any other bomber at present in operation or production.

It is stated that these armaments will enable the B 19 to fight off attacks from several fighters at once without any outside assistance.

The extent of the work which has to be put into the birth of a B 19 can be gauged from the fact that it contains more than ten miles of electric wiring, and just over 3,000,000 rivets are used to hold the metal sections together.

## New Aeroplane Motor

Ford Product Ready

DETROIT, May 9 (UP).—A new type of Ford Aeroplane motor, weighing 1,900 pounds and generating more than one horsepower per pound, is nearly ready for the market.

C. W. Van Ranst, Ford experimental engineer, told the American Society of Tool Engineers here that mass production of the motor awaited only the completion of work on the super-charger system, and that the chief advantage of the motor was its increased "bomb-carrying capacity."

The motor has 12 cylinders, V-type, and is liquid-cooled. The super-charger is driven with an exhaust turbine instead of being attached mechanically to the engine. There is a solid injection of fuel into the cylinder. The motor runs with throttle wide open and speed adjustments are made by regulating pressure in the manifold, and through the pitch of the propeller blades.

It uses a new type piston, only half as long as its diameter, enabling it to dissipate heat more quickly.

## Winant's Daughter Did Not Elope

Reports from Lima (Peru) that Miss Constance Winant, 20-years-old daughter of Mr. John Winant, newly appointed American Ambassador to Great Britain, had "eloped" with a 22-years-old Peruvian, Carlos Valando, were denied by Mr. Winant.

The couple were married at Chin-chin, and Mr. Winant said that the marriage was not an elopement. He had expected it, and a church ceremony was to follow the civil one.

"Index finger of the right hand should be gazed rapidly skyward in a series of Spitfire corkcreeves. To avoid totalitarian competition, the arm should never be straight nor finish the salute too high. You will find the salute a cure for cold shoulders, and it repeated frequently enough, of great assistance in your elbowing."

There are a host of other entertaining features about the Fellowship of the Bellows, and we commend to Hongkong the final advice of the organisers: "Blow to it."

The 80,000-plane programme, officials said, undoubtedly would entail a further expansion in aircraft production facilities. Of the 33,000 planes now on order, 19,000 are for the United States and 14,000 for the British. The lend-lease appropriation contains funds for 10,000 more for the British.

Defence production Chief William S. Knudsen, who believes this country can produce twice as much as Germany when it gets started, expects this programme can be completed by mid-summer next year.

Well-informed defence officials reveal that Britain's original war-aid requests totalled approximately \$15,000,000,000. Informed that this country could not super-impose a programme of that magnitude on the existing national defence programme, the British pared their list of requirements down to \$9,000,000,000. Defence authorities then cut it down to the \$7,000,000,000, the figure submitted to Congress.

Other Developments

Other British aid developments are:—

1. Priorities Director E. R. Stettinius, Jr., of the Office of Production Management, authorised the release of 200 tons of magnesium metal before the aid bill's passage.

2. Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard told the Senate Agriculture Committee that British food needs are now being surveyed and that in all likelihood less bulky products such as dried fruit, eggs, cheese and condensed milk would be on the aid list.

3. Sir Arthur Salter, British shipping expert, is expected here shortly to arrange for the transfer of American merchant ships to Britain.

The OPM announced that direct defence expenditures for American will have to be shut down or sharply and British account, authorized and curtailed operations.

## Shall Chinese Women Keep To The Home?

A controversy which probably arouses as much amusement as serious discussion is being carried on in Chungking. Shall Chinese women stay at home? is the question, and to the surprise of some, women can be found who say yes.

The men, incidentally, have thus far kept their opinions to themselves, which, as one foreign observer has pointed out, indicates how tactful Chinese males usually are.

It all began when Miss Tuan-mo (hitherto unknown to fame) contributed an article to her newspaper telling her female compatriots to stay (or return) home.

"On the surface Chinese women have been emancipated since the May 4th Movement (1919)," Miss Tuan-mo wrote, "but actually they have degenerated. They do not like work. Playing, and eating, and spending their lives, they have no imagination, no high ideals, and no lofty views of human life."

Challenge and Answer

Clearly Miss Tuan-mo was not speaking of peasant women, for they still stick pretty closely to the rice fields, but of middle and upper class representatives of Chinese women. Anyway the hundreds of women who are parading around in uniform, who long ago left their homes to help fight the war, did not let Miss Tuan-mo's remarks go by without an answer.

"Chinese women," one wrote, "must challenge the social order under which they have been placed for thousands of years. They must participate in the reconstruction of a new China. If they stand idly by, how can they ask the men for equality? In the past three years many homes have been razed to the ground. How can we enjoy life in happy family surroundings while others are wandering about homeless and often penniless? It is too selfish. And so the battle goes."

Heart goes out to the heroic British peoples in their stand for freedom and determination to see this thing through, and to repeat what I have heard on the radio: There will always be an England.

"So, my lady, thanking you in advance, as I know you will find a little of your precious time to do this little favour for me. Yours truly, The Queen communicated with an East End clergyman, who recommended a specially deserving family. The Queen's Lady-in-Waiting has written to the American telling him how much his gift is appreciated."

## Briton Born In Chile Decorated

Alfred William Wood, Chilean-born sergeant of the Royal Air Force, has been awarded the Order of the British Empire Medal for "meritorious service" in the rescue of crew mates of a warplane forced down at sea.

Official recognition was given the fact; Sergeant Wood swam to shore when his deflated, collapsible dinghy after the plane dropped 600 yards off the Northwest Irish Coast last November.

Barfooted, he scaled adjacent cliffs and ran a mile for help.

Hauled Up Cliff

Natives he summoned hauled some of the crew up the cliff on a rope made of blankets. When the rope broke, and an officer of the R.A.F. fell back into the sea, Sergeant Wood dived after him and helped to take him ashore.

Sergeant Wood is an electrical engineer. His parents live in Antofagasta, Chile.

## DEFENCES OF OAHU STRONG

By HARRY W. FRANTZ

United Press Staff Correspondent  
Washington, May 9 (UP).—The defences of the island of Oahu, in the American territory of Hawaii, are regarded by some experts as equal to those of Britain's Gibraltar, which for a century has been regarded a synonym for naval and military.

Major defence construction projects have been undertaken in Oahu, numerous outlying islands of the mid-Pacific, and the Aleutian Islands on the northern rim of the great ocean. These developments will have the cumulative effect not only of contributing to the air-and-naval defence of mid-Pacific fortress, but to the possible retention of Oahu for an extensive period even if the American Pacific Fleet should be shattered by an enemy power.

Military and naval experts are reported to have "explored" every contingency that might arise in the defence of the Hawaiian Islands, major outlying bastion of West Coast defences, and to have second and third plans of action even in the event of a possible war.

The tremendous and ever-expanding naval and military concentration at Pearl Harbour and elsewhere on the island of Oahu has caused some unofficial speculation whether United States defence plans "have put too many eggs in one basket." Well-informed military sources here reject such a suggestion, and indicate that plans take into account the effective defence of all other islands of the Hawaiian area, the systematic harassment of any enemy fleet operations, and the "last ditch" defence of Oahu even in event of major reversals for the Pacific fleet.

Raw Materials

The view that Oahu's defences are at least equal to those of Gibraltar rests upon the fact that the strictly military defences of the island are supplemented by a land area large enough for the swift manoeuvring of large military forces and by conditions of surf, beach and coastal indentation which increase the odds against the effective organisation of enemy forces that might make a landing.

Aviation, and other coastal defences are in process of development on other Hawaiian islands theoretically available for enemy landing, which would make an invasion attempt prohibitively costly to an enemy. The successful organisation of an enemy landing on Hawaii for example, according to one military expert, would entail an initial enemy loss of from 250,000 to 300,000 men. Even if the landing were effected, the enemy would still have an extremely difficult problem of maintaining communications and supply, since there would remain many points from which harassment operations could be conducted by air.

Other Aspects

The United Press is informed also that the defence could be maintained for a minimum of at least 75 days, even if the United States Pacific Fleet should be defeated and dispersed. This would be the time required for naval re-enforcements from the Atlantic via Magellan Straits or Cape Horn. Such a long route and lengthy passage would be necessary only in the event that the Panama Canal were disrupted.

The defence plans take into account the problem of subsistence for the half million military and civilian population in the event of a long siege. This problem has frequently been the subject of unofficial comment and speculation, but evidently has received more official attention than is generally known.

Besides great accumulated reserves of foodstuffs and fuel, it is understood that the defence projects include vast "seed reserves" which would enable quick planting of food crops in emergency.

## Egg Shampoos Shock Food Ministry

Following the disclosure that numbers of women are receiving egg shampoos in expensive beauty salons in London, an official of the Ministry of Food has announced that inspectors are now on the trail of those wasting food in this manner.

The official said: "We are surprised and shocked by the news. We have inspectors always on the look-out for the misuse of food, but a woman's beauty parlour is probably the last place they would think of looking."

"The legal department is considering what action will be taken. Although eggs are not rationed, the defence regulations empower us to prosecute anyone wasting food which is fit for human consumption."

## Asks Queen To Do Him A Favour

A plumber living in America's Middle West has written asking the Queen to "do a little favour" for him—hand over five dollars to a family among London's raid victims. The Queen has done the little favour.

This is what the plumber wrote:—

"To Your Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth: Enclosed please find cheque for five dollars, as we in America read of your kind visits to the bombed sections of London, and if you will kindly pick out a family with children for me and have the head of said family write to me, I will send them a cheque for five dollars every month until such time they can take care of themselves."

Stand For Freedom

"I am just an American. But my heart goes out to the heroic British peoples in their stand for freedom and determination to see this thing through, and to repeat what I have heard on the radio: There will always be an England."

"So, my lady, thanking you in advance, as I know you will find a little of your precious time to do this little favour for me. Yours truly, The Queen communicated with an East End clergyman, who recommended a specially deserving family. The Queen's Lady-in-Waiting has written to the American telling him how much his gift is appreciated."

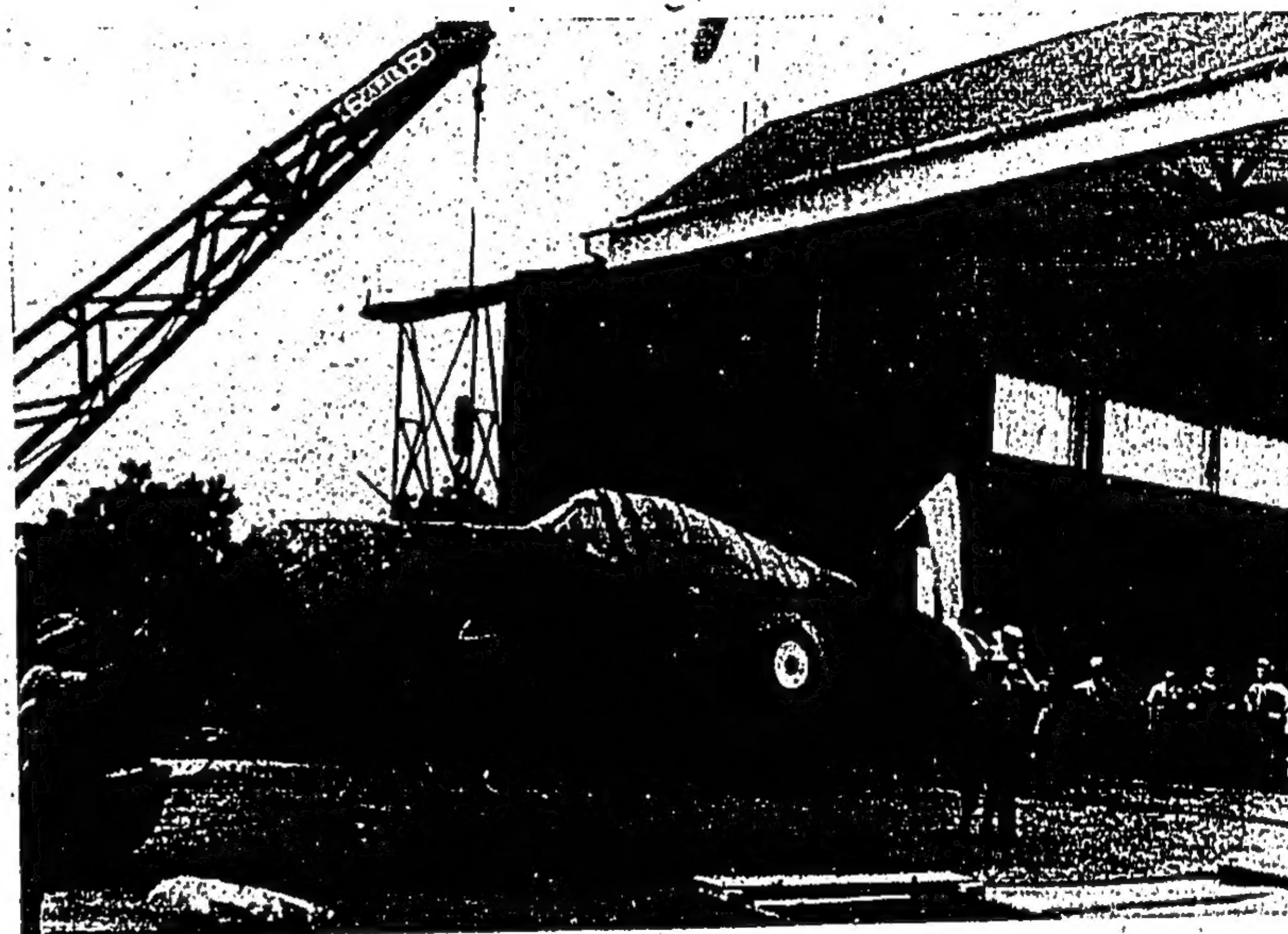
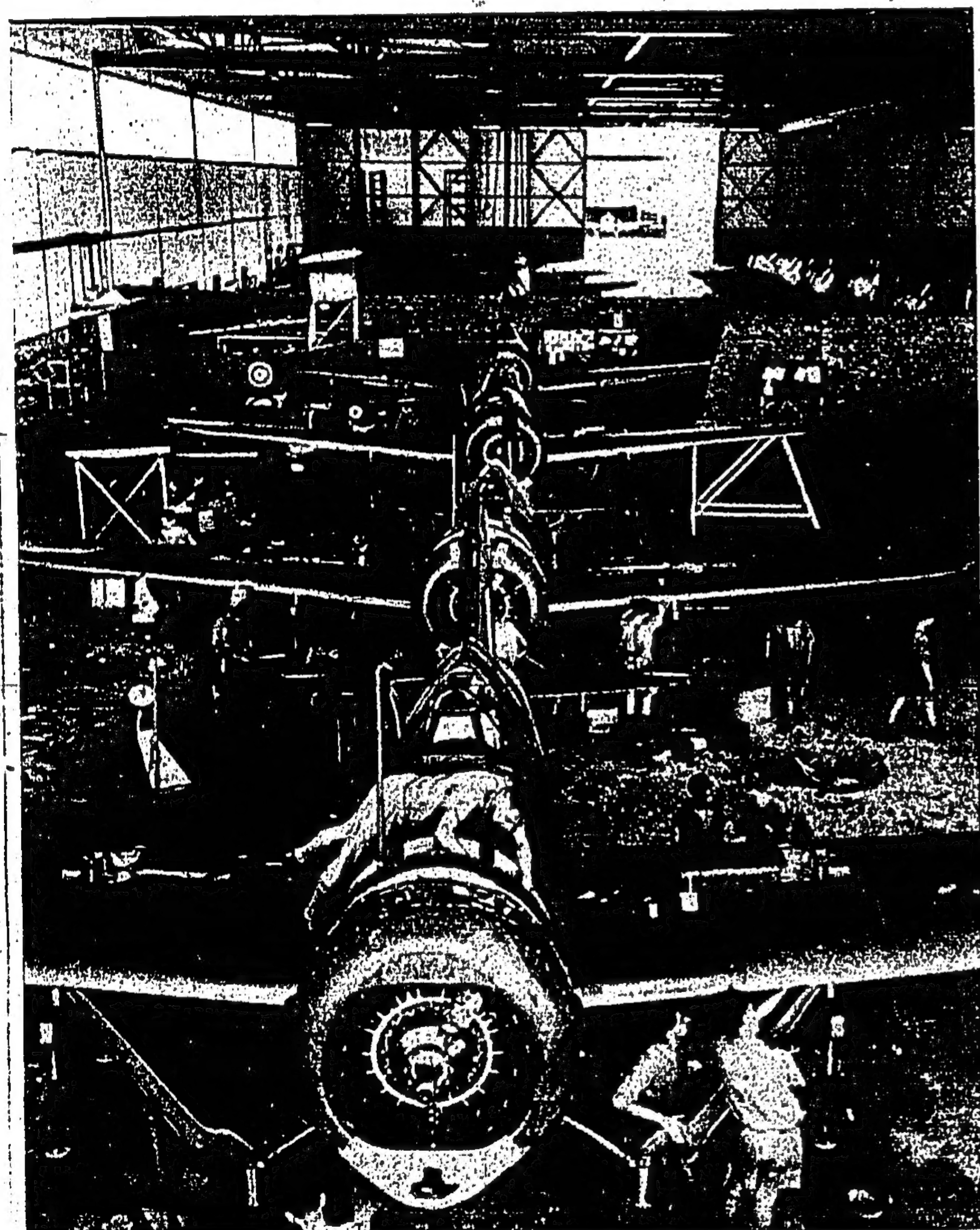
## Cement Works For Iraq

The first cement works to be built in Iraq, where trouble has broken out, was recently shipped



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## AMERICAN FIGHTERS IN MALAYAN SKIES

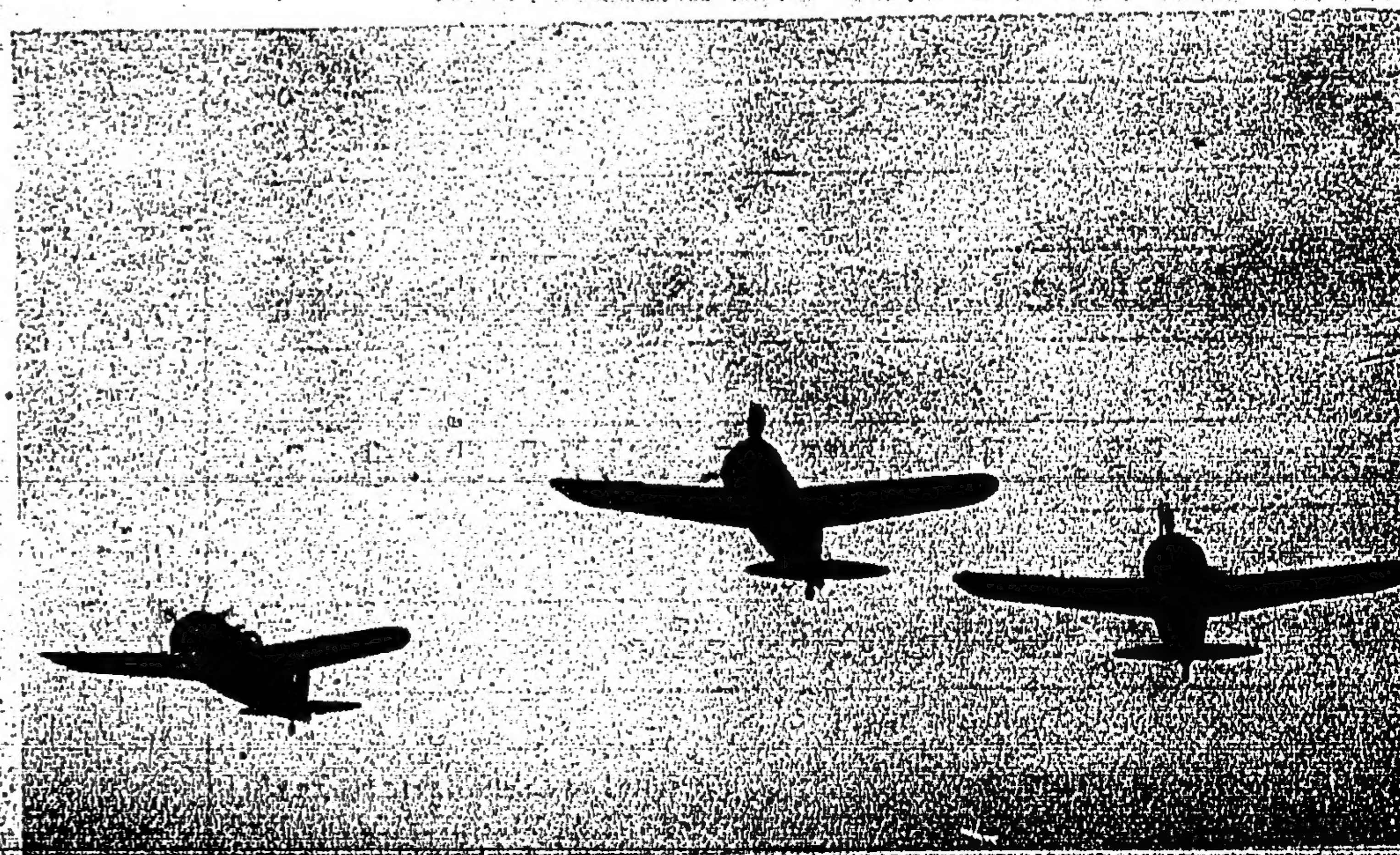
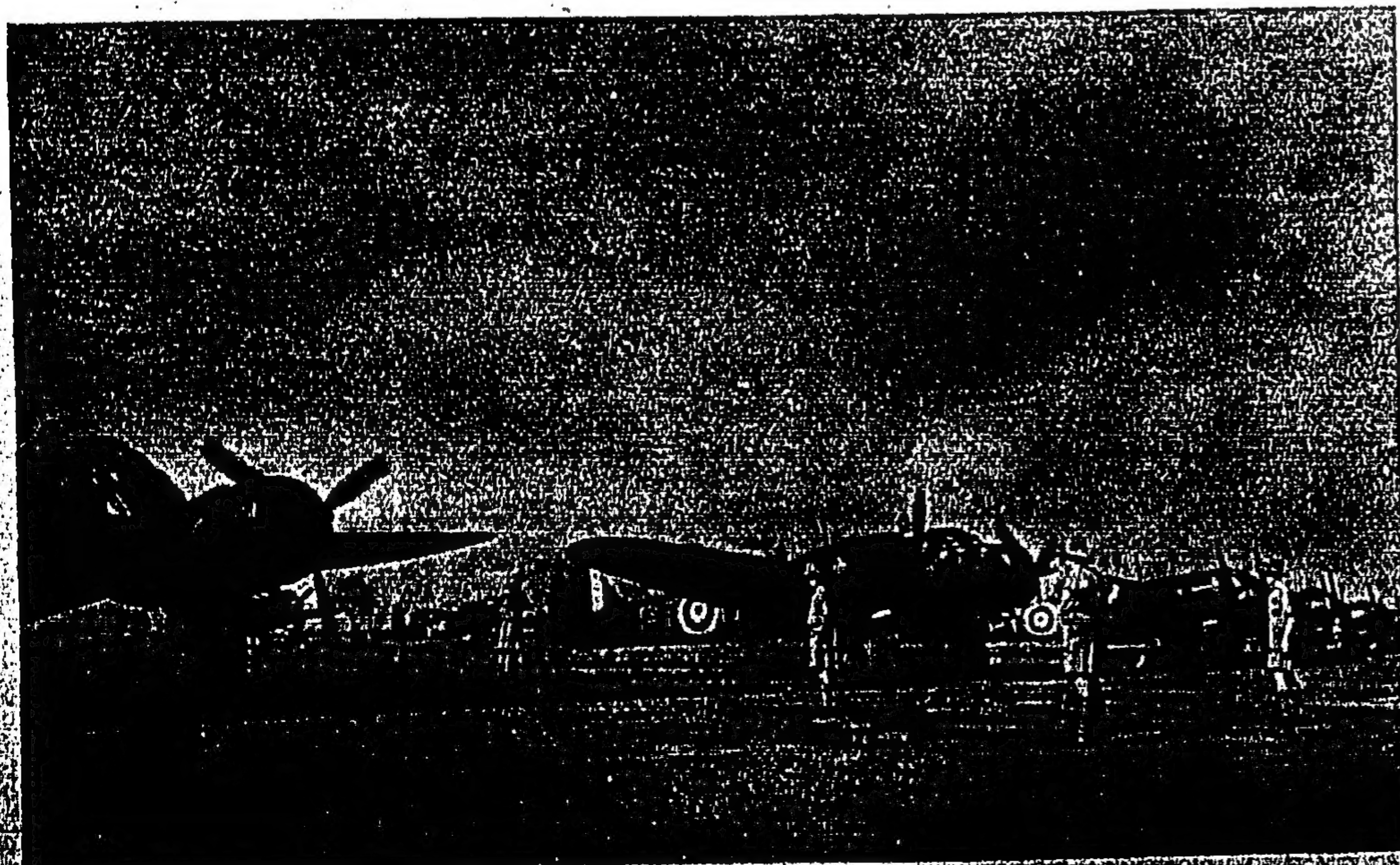


Recently arrived in Singapore, since assembled and now in the air over Malaya are large numbers of Brewster Buffaloes, high-speed American fighter planes. The men to fly them came from England — experienced fighter pilots, one of whom has downed ten Nazi planes. Photos on this page, the first to be released of the new Far Eastern air strength, show some of the first assembled Buffaloes at an R.A.F. station and in the air.

(Top left) A typical fighter pilot in the cockpit of a Buffalo. (Above) Swinging a Buffalo fuselage, just uncrated, into the hangar for assembly. (Right) R.A.F. mechanics in one of the workshops.



(Left) Part of the assembly lines at an R.A.F. station. (Lower left) A line-up of Blenheim bombers with Buffaloes in the background. (Lower right) Three Buffalo fighters in the air.





## CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

## POCKET CARTOON



of hours; who have attacked every sort of dwelling in Britain, from Buckingham Palace to workmen's cottages in Wales, besides innumerable churches (more than 2,000 were listed by the Vatican Radio the other day), schools, hospitals and ancient buildings infinitely lovelier and more "venerable" than anything the gloomy capital of Hitler's ape-State could boast.

## SITUATION IN FAR EAST

The situation in the Far East remains as it has been for some time. It seems that the German agents in Japan have over-stated the case, and instead of their enthusiasm spurring the Japanese on to intervention, it has made the latter rather suspicious. Then again the internal condition of Japan is unsettled. The Japanese constitution cannot fit in with the systems of Europe. The position of the Emperor is unassailable, and so a Mussolini is unthinkable.

On the other hand, there is no evidence even now that the China war has produced either an economic breakdown, or a political upheaval. The Japanese for centuries have been disciplined under feudalism to endure misfortune. The greater the strain the war imposes, the greater the sacrifice they will make to see it through. A major military or naval defeat might lead to something different, but that is only a contingency of the future. The war in China is not popular, it never has been since it became evident that it would be a long drawn out affair, and could not bring either great glory or great profit.

On the balance, whatever gains Japan may have made in China, whether military, political, or economic, they have been countered by the "difficulties" she has created vis-a-vis America and Great Britain. This disapproval of the China campaign by the United States and by Britain has been explained to the Japanese people as hostility and opposition to the legitimate claims of Japan. Only by exploiting the idea of encirclement by these powers has she been able to whip up the flagging spirits of the nation.

## TELEGRAPH QUIZ

1. Genoa is in the news. What famous navigator was born there in the fifteenth century?

2. Who was the originator of the Nobel Peace Prize? What did he do and when did he die?

3. What do these words mean (a) alimony (b) antimony (c) agrimony (d) parsimony (e) simony?

4. How many members of the present House of Commons are sons (or daughters) of Prime Ministers?

5. Pekoe is (a) an edging for a dress (b) a blend of tea (c) a porcelain figure (d) a town in China.

6. An airscape is (a) an emergency exit (b) an escape of air (c) an air photograph (d) part of a ventilation system.

7. When was the first book printed in English, and by whom?

8. The first non-stop flight over the Atlantic was made by (a) Lindbergh (b) Amy Johnson (c) James Mollison (d) Wiley Post (e) Alcock and Brown (f) Sir Alan Cobham.

9. How old is Gandhi?

10. Which race of people worshipped the juggernaut? (Answers on Page 14)

## Soldiers Reported Dead Found in Prison Camps

Dramatic, poignant, and humorous stories about the British wounded and missing before and after the collapse of France, and the epic of Dunkirk, were told to a London reporter recently by the Dowager Lady Amptill, whose department of the Red Cross and St John War Organisation deals with the wounded, the missing, and their relatives.

Some soldiers thought it unlucky to wear their identity discs. In one case a man reported killed was found in a prison camp. He must have given his disc to the man on whose body it was found.

Three women had claimed to be the fiancée of one soldier. The Navy doubled this—in one instance six women claimed to be the fiancée of one sailor. It was discovered that he had a wife and two children.

Ten people with different names said they were the relatives of one man whose photograph was sent from a prison camp. Two people, a man and a woman, experts in ligatures, had the task of solving the badly misspelt names of prisoners. They had traced every one of them.

## First News of 72 Men

The first news of many prisoners who were in Belgian hospitals came when 72 letters arrived. A wife was told a letter from your husband, which has just arrived from Belgium. This was the first news she had had of him.

The news about the British wounded was that they were extremely well treated. Unfortunately they were not allowed to write letters.

Two days before Christmas a woman who had been receiving a pension since June for her husband, reported killed, was informed that he was in a prison camp. A father and mother inquiring about their son heard that he also was a prisoner.

In another case a memorial service was held for a son, now known to be a prisoner and regularly writing letters home. An obituary notice appeared in a London newspaper of a man reported killed. He, too, was in a prison camp.

Lady Amptill explained that in the last war the wounded in the base hospitals in France were able to give valuable information concerning missing and wounded men, and it was thought they would be able to do the same thing again.

## Anxious Relatives

The Red Cross was inundated with inquiries from the anxious relatives. There were 2,000 letters in one day. But one cheerful fact emerged. The number of killed was very much smaller than had been thought, and many families who had mourned the loss of their soldier sons and husbands learned eventually that they were prisoners of war.

Information about missing men came from various countries, including Russia, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Rumania, Greece, Spain and Portugal. Finally it was upon the International Red Cross at Geneva they had to depend for information. At Geneva it was impossible to give the names by post, but thanks to the initiative of Field Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross, the names were sent by cable. The cables were paid for by the Red Cross.

Only that morning, said Lady Amptill, a private of whom nothing

## Visits by 2,000 Relatives

The Red Cross had arranged visits by relatives to over 1,000 air-raid casualties in hospitals, and found accommodation for 2,000 relatives while making these visits.

Field Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, referring to the difficulties of sending parcels to prisoners, said that three ships containing parcels had been sunk by the enemy. The parcels cost over £1,000,000 a year.

Geneva received 6,000 letters a day from prisoners. There were 2,000,000 Polish prisoners, 1,500,000 French, over 100,000 from the Low Countries and 44,000 British.

## Even Jurymen Can't Dodge The Issue.

The mystery of why two jurors were busily writing during a trial in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has been cleared up.

The jurymen, Leslie S. Hubbard and George W. Hamsho, were putting the "finishing touches" in their income tax reports.

They asked the judges' permission—and got it—to have a deputy clerk take affidavits on their reports so they could file them before the deadline.

## Woman's Hysteria From Seeing Motor Accident

A woman who claimed to have been in a state of collapse since she saw an accident was awarded £450 general damages and £250 special damages at Norfolk Assizes recently. She was Mrs Esther Primrose Englestone, of Tacolneston, near Norwich, who sued for damages the Rev. Geoffrey Ewart Shend, of Norwich, and Frederick Hebert Hardy, of Old Buckenham, Norfolk, haulage contractor.

Mrs Englestone's case was that in February, 1937, she was walking on a footpath when Mr Shend drove his car negligently from a side road causing a collision with a motor-lorry driven by Mr Hardy. She was not hit by either vehicle.

Sir Charles Doughty, K.C., for Mrs Englestone, described her nervous condition at the present time as deplorable and said she had had to be examined on commission. She was suffering from hysteria and had been going from worse to worse. She refused to go into an institution and there was no prospect of recovery unless there was institutional treatment.

**Bomb Cure**  
Mr Justice Atkinson—I wonder what would happen if a bomb

## France's President Is Lonely

Pacing every day up and down the grounds of the chateau he refused to accept as a gift is "France's loneliest man"—former President Albert F. Lebrun.

He and his wife have been living since last July within a stone's throw of the chateau at the home of his son-in-law and grandchildren outside the village of Vizille.

Although completely at liberty, M. Lebrun seldom leaves the immediate neighbourhood of his home. Occasionally he strolls into the village, but only rarely is he seen in the nearby town of Grenoble.

**Only Homage**  
Villagers who pass him near his house lift their hats and murmur respectfully: "Good day, Monsieur le President." But this is the only homage he receives from his compatriots.

Otherwise, the Third Republic's only President to be re-elected after serving a full term, receives no attention outside occasional attacks in the extremist press because he did not dissolve Parliament.

The Baghdad Railway comes into the picture now that Iraq is the scene of trouble. It was Germany who got a concession in 1902 to construct this highway to the East, but the vision of a journey from Berlin to Baghdad was not realised until July 17, 1940, when the first train steamed out of Baghdad for Istanbul. Bagra where our troops have landed, is 353 miles from Baghdad and the night train takes 14 hours to complete the journey.

Whether the railway will prove to be a backdoor, a sort of Burma Road to Turkey, or a front door for a German invasion, remains to be seen. It depends on the attitude Turkey adopts.

Germany naturally has her eye on the rich oil wells of Kirkuk and of Iran. Between them they produce sixteen to twenty million tons per annum. Their loss would be a serious blow to our forces in the Middle East, but the gain to Germany would not be very great unless she had control of the Eastern Mediterranean. This oil cannot be conveyed overland by railway, for tank wagons are few and the journey is long.

It goes by pipeline to Tripolis in Syria, or to Haifa in Palestine, where it is loaded into tankers. Iraq, or Mesopotamia as it used to be called, is not an attractive country. The British soldier in a letter home described it and his own feelings quite accurately when he said "It was miles and miles and miles of damn all."

## OIL AND IRAQ

It is inhabited by numerous tribes whose great passion is religion and whose daily lives are marked by the greatest corruption, cruelty and vice. The following conversation illustrates this point:

"Abd al Karim said: 'The first of the great sins is the giving of divine honours to a creature.' Of course," I replied, "the enormity of such a sin is beyond all doubt. But if this be the first, there must be a second; what is it? Drinking the shameful (that is, smoking tobacco)," was the unhesitating answer. "And murder, adultery, and false witness?" I suggested. "God is merciful and forgiving," rejoined my friend; "that is, these are merely little sins."

At the Conference of Versailles it was agreed that Mesopotamia should have self-government. Three very prominent English politicians discussed the question:

"I fear that the country may be badly governed," said the first. "The country will be badly governed," said the second. "The country ought to be badly governed," added the third.

It is not a envoury place as far as politics go, and were it not for the oil it might have been left to its own evil manner of life. What used to be a prosperous country has been reduced to penury by the quarrels, oppression and corruption of the various tribal leaders.

## PETAIN'S FRANCE

Marshal Petain, in a proclamation calling upon all Frenchmen to forget their past with its liberty, equality and brotherhood and to embrace the new doctrine of the family, hard work and piety, refers contemptuously to the corrupt and self-seeking politicians who caused the downfall of France.

What the verdict of history will be on his own government remains in no doubt. His chief lieutenant, Admiral Darlan, has been negotiating with the Germans, and there is no doubt that he has made certain concessions at the expense of the British. Already German and Italian supplies have passed through French coastal waters, and much material has been imported into Marseilles for the benefit of Germany.

The betrayal of a former ally who stood by the side of France in 1914-1918, and offered the most generous terms ever made, before her collapse in June last year, is surely a greater crime than any perpetrated by Reynaud to his colleagues.

## "TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

To purchase ease and comfort in France by treachery of this nature is to Britain hardly fits in with the pious pronouncements from Vichy. It is perfidy and hypocrisy of the worst kind. It is a stupid policy, too, for a decent future for France is not conceivable without the success of the British Empire in this war.

## TANKS

The Prime Minister in his brilliant speech in Parliament, said that emphasis was now being laid on the building of tanks, and that more were being turned out now in a month than in the course of a year when Mr. Horre-Belshu was in office.

In the last order of the day issued by the German High Command on November 10, 1918—given in the Encyclopaedia Britannica under "Tanks"—which Colonel Swinton quotes, it says that the cause of the German defeat was the British tank. That was the conviction of the German generals, and since that day they have assumed that the next war could only be won by the development of the tank.

There were many in the French army and some in the British who did not share that view. Even as late as March 1929 a certain Brigadier Collins in the R. E. France threw cold water on the idea that mechanisation was the key to victory.

Lord Haig said that "only by the rifle and bayonet of the infantryman can the decisive victory be won."

It is always the case, of course, that we start off the new war with the weapons and tactics of the old one. The Germans, however, adopted the ideas of the British inventor and put all their money in it and on it, at least what was left over after building the planes which again they did not invent.

If, then, the machines are more important at the moment than vast armies, the United States as the workshop and arsenal assumes very great, and even decisive importance in this war.

## COMMONS DEBATE

We are continually being asked to declare our war aims. It is hardly necessary to do more than to point to the discussion in the House of Commons which took place on Wednesday.

It is for the right to meet together and discuss our national affairs in a frank and critical manner. It is for the right to point out weaknesses and defects in order that they may be removed; to get angry when there is injustice and to demand redress, and to get from the head of the government from time to time an account of his stewardship and to learn the truth, however unpalatable it may be.

A nation that can turn the light on its national assembly like that is healthy and vigorous. Instead of putting its critics into the concentration camp, it gives them a full and free hearing. The opposition is there for that purpose. The Prime Minister's speech was a masterpiece of direct statement without any subtlety or any attempt to disguise the truth.

There were the usual flashes of wit and biting irony, and there was the feeling that he was treating the nation as made up of individuals whom he respected and not as sheep whom he despised. That is the sort of thing we are fighting to maintain, not only for ourselves but for the world.

## CHINA WAR RELIEF

It was feared by friends of China that when war broke out between England and Germany, the British Fund would automatically come to an end, but gifts in kind and in money kept coming in to the Executive Secretary and Treasurer, at the depot at 121 Westbourne Terrace, London, W.2., and therefore the Fund was continued. From the outbreak of the European War until the end of December, 1940, sums amounting to £20,374—14s.—3d. were received.

Some of the working parties in the country have continued to meet, and a steady though smaller supply of bandages, operation gowns and other hospital requisites has been maintained. Altogether, during the year, 175 bales have been sent out. Drugs and anaesthetics have also been shipped to China, and it is noteworthy that during the evacuation of Dunkirk a ship (one of a convoy) passed down the English Channel conveying, among other things, a number of cases of drugs and instruments for China relief.

## BERLIN RAID

The Germans evidently felt the full force of the blow which the R.A.F. struck at Berlin recently. This is the Nazi radio's account of the raid.

"Numbers of high-explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on the capital of the Reich. The results of this attack provide a further example of the inhuman methods of the R.A.F. Everything of German culture and artistic light was bombed indiscriminately. The venerable State Opera House in Unter den Linden, the State Library, museums and many other historic buildings were damaged. One hospital received a direct hit which destroyed its research department and several laboratories. Direct hits on dwellings caused casualties to the civilian population."

This shriek of outraged virtue comes from people who machine-gunned terrified women and children on the roads of Poland, Belgium, Holland and France, just as they are machine-gunning them in the Balkans to-day; who last summer laid waste the greater part of the fair city of Rotterdam, murdering between 30,000 and 40,000 civilians in a couple

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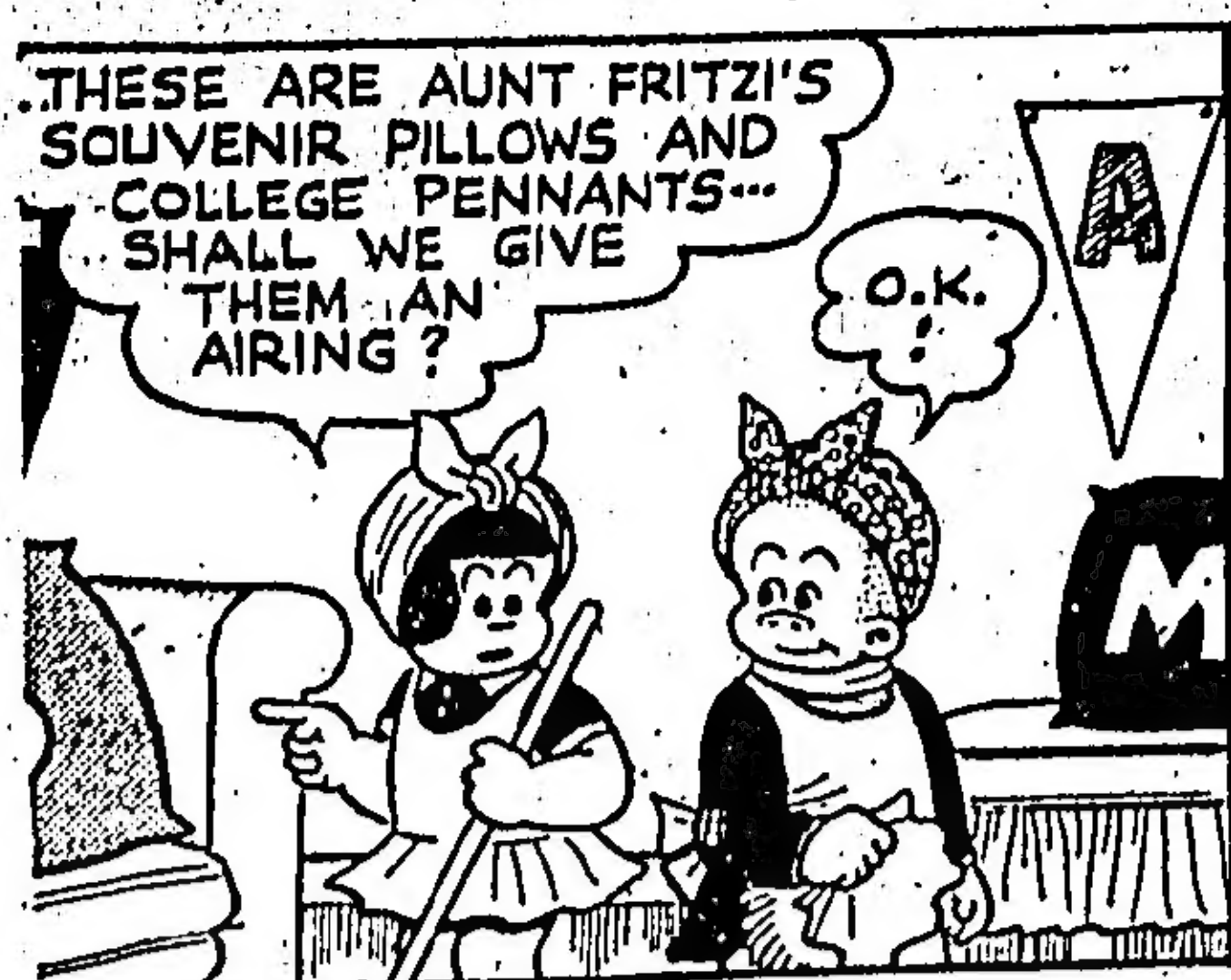
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## Mussolini's Air Riddle

By Robert Walling

THE great mystery of the Italian air force is: Where are the modern bombers and fighters we know they have?

One theory is that the Italians came into the war before their air force had been equipped properly with the new machines.

Italian fighter pilots who have been captured now say: "What is the good of our trying to fight with our two guns against your eight?"

In the Middle East the Italian planes—used against the British—Greek forces are, generally speaking, capable of only 200-300 m.p.h., are poorly armed, unarmoured. Several of them are constructed partly of metal and partly of fabric.

## TYPES SHOT DOWN

HERE are the Italian types shot down: **FIGHTERS**—Many Fiat C R 42s. These are 270 m.p.h. biplane fighters, with only two machine-guns, manoeuvrable, but hopelessly slow.

A very few Macchi C 200s, and one or two Fiat G 50s. The Macchi is a great improvement on the C R 42s, being monoplane capable of 300 m.p.h.; but here again their armament is poor, and they certainly have not the speed to overhaul or get away from a Hurricane. The G 50 is about as fast, and is a monoplane with better armament (four guns).

Some old Fiat C 32 biplanes, which can do only 240 m.p.h. have also fallen.

**BOMBERS**—Savoia Marchetti S 79. This is a three-engined monoplane capable of 300 m.p.h., with four guns.

There have been three-engined Caproni C A 133s, which cannot even approach 200 m.p.h.

**RECONNAISSANCE**—The 240 m.p.h. Meridionali R O 37 two-seater biplane, with two guns.

**FLYING-BOATS**—The very slow Cant Z 501.

## OUT OF DATE

ALL these are out of date. But the Italians have some first-rate types.

There are the A.U.T. 18 monoplane fighter with a 1000-h.p. Fiat engine, and another fighter, the Meridionali R O 51, which could do 300 m.p.h. with only an 840 h.p. engine. There is the squat Breda 88 all-metal bomber which put up two international speed records, had a speed of 321 m.p.h., and could carry a 2200lb. load over 1120 miles at cruising speed. And the Cant Z 1007 bomber, which can fly for 3000 miles at 240 m.p.h.

Where are they? Perhaps the answer is that Italy has not organised enough of these new machines on a vast scale quickly.

MR RANDALL GOULD, former editor of the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury," had an unusual experience on a flight to Chungking. He describes the incident in the following dispatch to the "Christian Science Monitor."

## Hide and Seek Over China

I have just completed a miles an hour, slowing to a rather extraordinary aero-stop after landing but still plane flight to Chungking an unhandy sort of thing to meet head-on. Evidently somebody at the radio office required eight flying hours, with twelve hours in the plane. was a little confused.

No sooner had we finally got back to the leeward end of the runway and paused and circled about, now and for more radio instructions then glimpsing houses than things began to be through the ground fog but more complicated.

"Air raid alarm still on," reported the Chinese radio island since they lie much operator as I stepped into lower, a Eurasia plane circled with and above us. It response to a signal from Mac, who was using me as a sort of liaison officer to the passengers in default of a stewardess. (C. N. A. C. tried Chinese girls but one was shot by Japanese raiders and the other re-signing promptly thereafter).

Forty-five minutes passed and then our radio brought word that a "first alarm" of approaching Japanese raiders was broadcast. At 10:50 we slithered down and unexpectedly found a landing-place on the remote western field instead of going on to the island. Our pilot had just received instructions to keep away from the regular field for a few minutes because the Eurasia plane was out of gasoline and it had to have the right of way.

As we swung about preparatory to going back up the runway, suddenly Mac, our American pilot, jammed on his brakes like a motor-car driver going into unexpected traffic from a side street. Before us roared the Eurasia plane at fifty

Mac ejaculated with feeling. "Holy smoke! Let's get out of here," pushed open his throttles, and we were down the runway again and off into the clouds.

We laid a course south and the going was bumpy, for pending some idea of where the Japanese might be, the pilot more or less "hedge-hopped" in

And there we stayed for two hours, reading, talking, snoozing but never leaving the plane. Boy soldiers in baggy uniforms with mostly sandals rather than shoes peered all about, and tapped mysterious messages against the metal fuselage like divers trying to signal to the occupants of a distressed submarine. The co-pilot went off and came back with a rich gift of native oranges. And finally our radio brought the all-clear. Up we went again and flew back to Chungking in literally high haste, this time streaking across lots and above the clouds.

Friends of iron constitution were still, or rather again, out on the island airdrome to laugh with us over the way we had roared around over them for an hour and then run away. We had some undelivered Christmas cards from Shanghai and handed them around. They were very late, but then, so were we.

"Some of us have marched 63 miles in battle order in well under 24 hours.

"And all of us have done a sprint march of 24 miles with arms and equipment and ammunition in six hours or less."

These men do not wait for, or look for bridges with which to cross rivers.

Instead, they crash into the water as they are, in battle dress, to see whether they can reach the other side. They always do.

They practice going two or three days without sleep and for a long period without food.

It all amounts to the forging by the Army of a war-hardened, most cunning

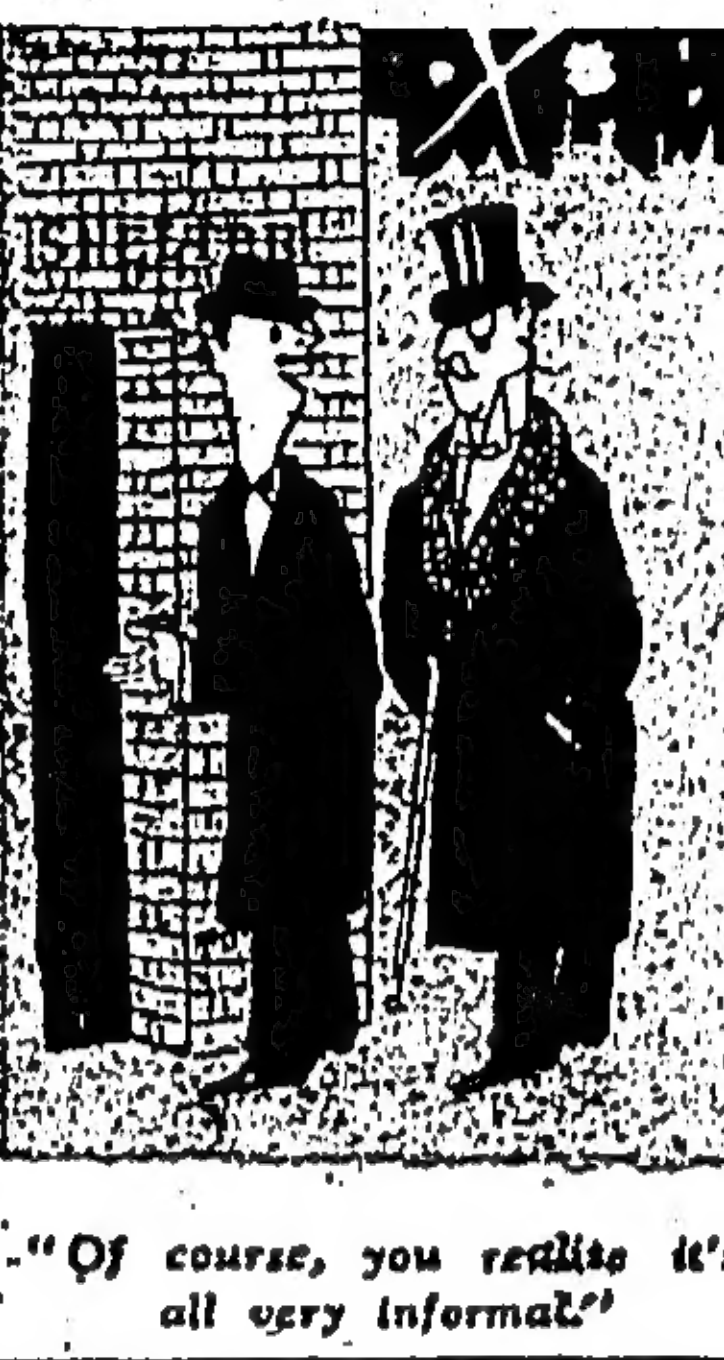
try.

All the qualities, in fact, except the guerilla's irregular discipline.

This, in the words of the officer, is the sort of thing across a rough bit of country they are doing.

By Ernie Bushmiller

## POCKET CARTOON



## Butcher of Libya

By Charles Foley

THE killer returns to his lair. Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, "Butcher of Libya," retires to his farm on the Tiber, near Rome, after a life filled with blood, cruelty, glittering success, and now, calamitous failure.

Since the day a few months ago when Graziani gave to the world his own astonishing account of how his army was "taken by surprise and overwhelmed" at Sidi Barrani, his doom has been sealed.

Not merely because the report exposed his own unpreparedness for Wavell's assault, but because in it he accused the Duce of failing to send the tanks and armoured cars which had been promised him.

## 350-MILE RETREAT

Mussolini could not suppress the report; nor at the time could he risk further loss of prestige by sacrificing the author, but since that date no word has been heard in Italy of Graziani.

From one temporary headquarters to another the Italian commander-in-chief retired 350 miles since December 9.

Libya, when Graziani went there as governor, was a wild tribal country, where the Italians were afraid to venture outside their settlements. He pacified it.

Rebellious chieftains were taken up in aeroplanes and thrown out to be dashed to pieces on the rocks. Ten thousand tribesmen were rounded up and killed by firing parties or by hanging in one year.

## POISON GAS

Then Ethiopia. Things were going badly for Marshal de Bono in his Abyssinian campaign when Badoglio and Graziani took over. With ruthless air bombardment, with streams of poison gas, Graziani scorched his way to Addis Ababa, won the war, accepted a dukedom, became Viceroy.

In February 1937, there was a procession through the sullen capital. Bombs were thrown and Graziani was wounded by the splinters. Before he would let the doctors approach he loosed his troops among the Abyssinian crowd. "Kill," he shouted. "Kill." Six thousand were massacred that day.

In Ethiopia, as in Libya, he made a desert—and called it peace.

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## NORAH WHITESTONE

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Perhaps it would be incorrect to say that the majority of the evacuees have been disappointed, but they have decidedly been disillusioned. Floods are more to the fore than bush-fires, and gas workers are the latest recruits to the *dolce far niente* regime. Points of interest are the distance between them. I know nothing of station life, but as every second person on this continent seems to own a car, and the bush-dwellers appear the wealthiest of the population, hardship stories of the back of beyond are now chiefly of use as bait for innocent "Pommies." But when a Prince Edward Roader lives in Malvern and a Felix Villager at Brighton (both suburbs as unlike their originals as the mind can conceive) a distance of perhaps fifteen miles, necessitating the assistance of two trams or two trains and tiresome waits at windswept corners or on desolate platforms, social life is apt to wilt and succumb for the land of sun-bronzed, out-durated. Communication sized, white-toothed, virile is scrappy, the transport

Nor did two months in Sydney in any measure conform to preconceived notions of typical Australia—the land of sun-bronzed, out-durated. Communication sized, white-toothed, virile is scrappy, the transport

personnel often unobliging, ignorant of route and schedule, and sometimes blatantly rude.

I really had hoped great things of Victoria's pet, the much discussed crack train, "Spirit of Progress." I fear that I must have suffered from some strange disability to be able to perceive the rosier tints of man and nature. Be that as it may, the hermetically sealed "windows" of what is affectionately termed "The Spirit," and the compulsory inhalation of other people's breaths for some half a dozen hours in a compartment overcrowded with heavily-clothed humanity, scarcely lightened my own spirit. Nor did the narrow corridors, the unpalatable meals, the unholy scramble (on the "Spirit," too!) for a cup of tea at intervening stations, bear out the eulogies of my informants as to the luxury. I should enjoy!

The rather pitiful rivalries between the cities of Melbourne and Sydney have resulted in variation of the gauge in Victoria and New South Wales, and the passenger is thrust from the "Spirit" somewhere around midnight and accommodated in a vehicle over the border. I myself was well content to vacate the vaulted product of progress and proceed in an elderly though ventilated compartment in which I could, at least, inhale air which, although impregnated with coal grit, at least had not the minute previous passed through the lungs of another.

But the discomforts of progress, the miles of ring-barked dead or dying trees, the lifeless, grey-green landscape are not worthlessly endured when the loveliness of Sydney's myriad small and sunny bays, her flowering wooded heights, her sparkling beaches, cheer an exile's heart.



WHEN IT'S NIGHT-TIME IN ITALY

## Gypsy Trails' End

THE long, free trail of dweller of the Danube re-Ganges River in India, if a the gypsies in Europe gion, Adolf Hitler of Braun-grant of land could be obtained.

is coming to an end, with the Berlin-issued decree requiring nomadic tribes of Nazi-controlled lands to give up their wanderings, seek a permanent residence and a trade. Those showing indecision in choice of an occupation are given work on farms by the Labour Service.

For a number of years the European tziganes have worked intermittently as labourers on new buildings, particularly as brick-layers. But this did not alter the essential quality of their lives. They still slept at night in their wagon caravans, travelling on to new scenes when wanderlust prompted.

Under the new edict, their chief occupations for generations will be gone. No more wandering the countryside telling fortunes, entertaining with weird music and performing bears. No more horse trading; no more begging.

The new order has no place either for the gypsies' ironbound caste system, with their work indicated according to the clan they belong to. In the old days, members of one clan were troubadours, entertaining with weird stringed instruments. Others trained the great black bears as dancing performers. Still others were metalsmiths, skilfully turning out utensils and spoons in tin, zinc, and copper.

The Danube—favourite spot of the gypsies—has known these dark-eyed wanderers since about the thirteenth century, when they first appeared on the banks of the river. From where did they come? No one knows. Perhaps from Egypt, or the Ural mountains, or India. Since then they have scattered with the winds of the world, carrying their legends and easy-going philosophy as far away as Scotland and America.

After enslavement by the Tartars, the gypsies of Europe had a century of freedom, which is now ending by orders from another

Gifted as cooks, fine old gypsy recipes have been handed down from one generation to the next—all unwritten—and date back to the period when gypsy slaves toiled in the kitchens of Russia, learning culinary secrets from imported French chefs. This attempt to conventionalise the lives of the gypsies is not the first in

By Marion Simms

Europe's history. Other efforts, however, have failed. They have always stubbornly refused census investigations, and would not enter military service for any country. Even such details as passport regulations are ignored completely by them in their travels.

Hoping to bring the wanderers under some semblance of control, some countries in the past have offered them grants of land for permanent settlements. But they have none of it. Only Magyari received offers to the king of Europe's gypsies appear in the United States. —Michel II Kwik—it is said He declined them all, not hopes one day to settle his people in a gypsy kingdom, away from his beloved possibly on the shores of the Danube.

Absolute ruler of the gypsies, Michel II Kwik was elected several years ago during a meeting on the Polish plains near Warsaw. Tribal delegates signified their votes by the fingerprint method. It is part of the king's duties to see that there is justice among tribesmen, and he keeps a picked group of men travelling from one encampment to another to check on gypsy activities.

When Imre Magyari—called the greatest of all gypsy fiddlers—passed on a year ago in Budapest, 1,000 gypsy violinists—their instruments muted—played at his funeral. Magyari started playing the violin as a small child. At one time he showed great promise for a concert career, but gave it up to return to gypsy fiddling. He played often for Emperor Franz Josef of Austria-Hungary and was given many royal honours. After playing over Europe, will have none of it. Only Magyari received offers to the king of Europe's gypsies appear in the United States. —Michel II Kwik—it is said He declined them all, not hopes one day to settle his people in a gypsy kingdom, away from his beloved possibly on the shores of the Danube.

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## U. S. FIFTH COLUMNISTS Hard to Catch

By Allen C. Dibble

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—The difficulty of detecting an actual fifth column agent is illustrated by the number of innocent persons who are accused falsely of subversive activities.

Hundreds of complaints—each the result of a citizen becoming alarmed over the "suspicious actions" of someone—are received daily at field offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation throughout the nation.

Although the G-men pursue, each complaint on the possibility that it will reveal a new plot, many pursuits are fruitless. Most real foreign agents exhibit unlimited ingenuity in collecting pertinent information for their government. Their tactics are sometimes so simple as to be disarming, the FBI said. At other times they can apply all the tricks of international intrigue.

How They Work

The tricks of the fifth column trade run the gamut from infiltration into plants as workers to threats made to legitimate employees that relatives or friends living abroad will suffer if the desired information is not made available.

American industrial secrets may also be obtained by enticing employees who are familiar with the production of confidential materials to enter the service of a foreign power unknowingly in an advisory capacity or through an espionage ring operating as a commercial concern, export-import association, scientific group, businessmen's club or engineering organisation.

The FBI has warned that disloyal employees are in a better position to commit sabotage and espionage than a non-employee, since the former have a complete working knowledge of the plant functions.

Study Employees

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**VISITORS HONOURED**—Dr Leighton Stuart, President of Yenching University, and Mr H. J. Timperley, the noted "Manchester Guardian" correspondent, were entertained at the Gloucester Hotel last week by the Yenching University Alumni Association. The guests of honour are seated tenth and eleventh in the photograph above. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



**THANKSGIVING DINNER**—To celebrate the conclusion of their recent successful drive for funds, members of the Young Women's Christian Association held a thanksgiving service and dinner at the Association headquarters. Picture is of a section of the large attendance. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



**INSPECTOR CHU HEUNG**, who retired recently from the Hongkong Police Force, was entertained last week by Mr Lam Chat-ming. Photo taken at the party shows (front row) Mr F. P. Franklin, Mr W. P. Thompson, A.S.P., Mr F. W. Shaftain, A.D.C.I., Mr Lam, Inspector Chu Heung. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).

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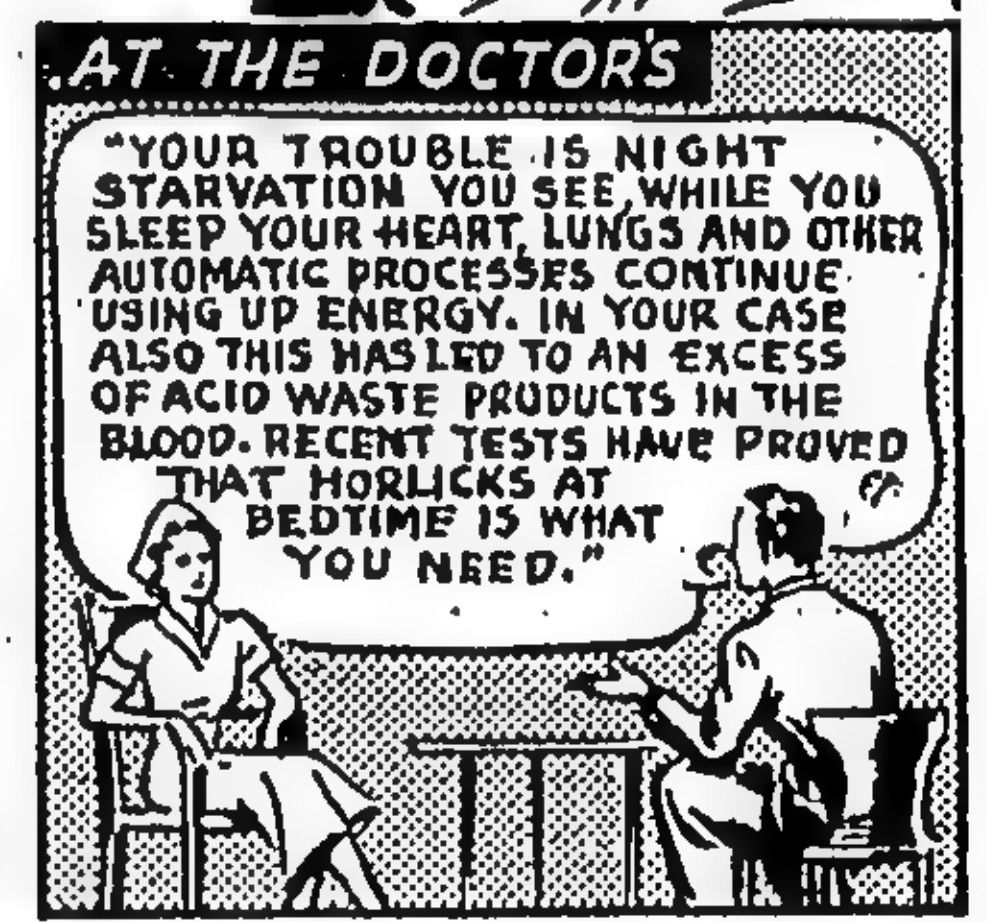
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**SILVER WEDDING**—Mr & Mrs N. J. T. Greenwood celebrated their Silver Wedding on Saturday last with a party at Stoncutter's. Mr Greenwood is Resident Officer at the Wireless Telegraphy Station there. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



**HOCKEY CHAMPIONS**—Picture of the Club de Recreio hockey team, winners of the League for 1940/41. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



**DIANNE JOAN GIFFEN**, five-month-old daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. Giffen of Hongkong. Dianne is with her mother in British Columbia, where a number of evacuated Hongkong families are staying.



**FOOTBALL REFEREES**—Photo of the Committee of the Football Referees' Association, who met recently to bid farewell to Company Sergeant-Major M. Minihan, the Army representative. In the picture are (back row) Mr W. M. Glover and C. S. M. Minihan, (front row) Mr F. J. da Silva, Mr Hugh A. Board, the chairman, and Mr D. Kossick. (Photo Sun Ying Ming).



**ARMY SPORTS**—Members of the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, team who won the Army Inter-Unit Athletic Championship recently. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



**COMING OF AGE**—Picture taken at the Hongkong Hotel where Miss Mitzi Glover (centre) celebrated her coming of age. The guests included Lt Cmdr Grosman, Mrs Barry, Mr and Mrs Suter and Lt Wilson.

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IN the past Japan's greatest defensive asset has been her geographical situation, remote from any adversary who need be feared.

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Notwithstanding the sensational prophecies in which American scaremongers have indulged from time to time, it remains a fact that the distance from Japan to California is over 4,750 miles. No sane strategist would dream of embarking on an expedition across such an immense stretch of sea in the face of naval opposition.

How the Far Eastern Bases Govern  
Naval Strategy for the United  
States and Britain

By Francis McMurtie

regard the fortification of Guam as a cause of offence seems no longer to operate, and the Naval Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives has strongly recommended that the necessary credits be voted. This last-minute repentance on the part of America's legislators is of little help for the present time. In the circumstances the only route which an American fleet could prudently follow if bent on countering Japanese aggression in the East would have to be an indirect one.

At first sight the nearest way to the objective would appear to be via Alaska, especially as there is an American naval base at Dutch Harbour, in the Aleutian Islands, some 2,000 miles from the northernmost

guns. There is some slight uncertainty about the tenth ship, the Hiei, a 28-year-old vessel, which was demilitarised under the London Naval Treaty of 1930, but has been credibly reported to have been rearmed and brought up to first-line condition.

At least five battleships of considerably over 40,000 tons displacement are understood to be under construction. Two of these were launched in November, 1939, and April, 1940, respectively, and may possibly be ready for sea this year.

Three or four smaller armoured ships of the "pocket battleship" type are also completing for the Japanese navy, but these for practical purposes may be regarded as heavy armoured cruisers.

Japan has seven completed aircraft-carriers, but only two of them are of large size. Two

prove less formidable than it appears on paper. Still, it is well not to undervalue a possible opponent, and it should be added that the personnel has the reputation of being brave and well trained, though a little inclined to over-enthusiasm in action.

The United States Pacific Fleet, as already mentioned, is fully equal to the entire Japanese navy in the number of its units. These are reported to include 12 battleships, three of which mount 16-inch guns and the remainder 14-inch; five aircraft-carriers, all of larger size than the average Japanese unit of this category; about 30 cruisers, again of greater average size than their Japanese opposite numbers; about 80 destroyers—though they are being turned out so rapidly that this figure may well be an underestimate—and at least 40 submarines.

There is, in addition, the Asiatic Fleet, which normally comprises two cruisers, 14 destroyers, a dozen submarines, and sundry gunboats, minesweepers, and other minor craft. But other American warships are in service, of course, in the Atlantic Fleet. These could readily be used to reinforce the Pacific Fleet by way of the Panama Canal. They include three battleships, with cruisers, destroyers, submarines and auxiliary vessels.

American naval construction in hand includes 16 battleships, 12 aircraft-carriers, 64 cruisers, about 200 destroyers and over 70 submarines. Two of the new battleships will be ready this spring. As in the case of the defences of Guam and Tutuila the United States has been a little slow in awakening to the extent of Japanese preparations, but her building capacity is far beyond anything to which Japan could attain, despite her earlier start.

So far as Allied naval forces in the Far East are concerned, the British China Squadron, under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, normally consists of four cruisers, a dozen destroyers, 15 submarines, half-a-dozen sloops and nine minesweepers, besides smaller craft. It is known, however, that a large part of this force has been recalled to home waters since the war began.

The Royal Australian Navy's strength amounts to six cruisers, five destroyers, four sloops and some smaller vessels. Though several of these have been officially reported to be serving in the Mediterranean or elsewhere, H.M.A.S. Sydney, the ship which sank the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, recently returned to her home port.

The New Zealand division, normally two cruisers and two sloops, might also be available as a reinforcement.

In the East Indies the Royal Netherlands navy maintains a force of three cruisers, seven destroyers 15 submarines, and a considerable number of sloops, minelayers, minesweepers and motor torpedo-boats. I have mentioned the principal base, Sourabaya, in the island of Java. There are shipbuilding and repairing facilities there, with dry docks.

At the British bases at Singapore and Hongkong there are dry docks capable of accommodating the biggest warships afloat, an invaluable asset in the event of battleships receiving heavy underwater damage. Both ports are defended by well-armed and fully-garrisoned forts, of which few particulars have been published, though it has been unofficially reported that the Singapore defences mount guns of exceptional range and power. Minefields also exist and could be extended.

It is difficult, then, to see how Japan can strike a decisive blow against either British or American interests. Her position is as I described it at the outset. It is true that the Philippine Islands offer a tempting bait, since they could be invaded from Formosa or Hainan before the United States fleet could concentrate to defend them; but their temporary loss, even if the Japanese met with no great resistance, would not make much difference to America so long as Singapore remained available as a main base.



If we consider Japan's position in relation to the strength of the United States it should be noted that the main force of the United States Fleet is concentrated at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, 3,379 miles from Yokohama. Such a distance is too great for any fleet to cover with the prospect of having to fight an action at the other end, unless a fully equipped base capable of providing fuelling, supply and repair facilities were available close by. This handicap of distance applies to both Powers.

For the past two years vain efforts have been made by the United States Navy Department to obtain Congressional authority to fortify and equip Guam as the kind of base I have indicated. Guam is an island in the Western Pacific, with a fine natural harbour, distant only 1,350 miles from Yokohama. It was one of the prizes of the Spanish-American War in 1898. All the neighbouring islands of the Mariana and Caroline groups were sold by Spain to Germany to avert their loss, and passed to the mandate of Japan under the Versailles Treaty. Two of them, Saipan and Yap, are reported to have been equipped as minor naval bases, and may, treaty restrictions notwithstanding, have been fortified by the Japanese.

Now that an atmosphere of crisis has arisen, the apprehension that Japan might

harbours of Japan. Weather conditions in those latitudes, however, quite apart from the absence of a first-class base, make this an unattractive line of approach.

It is obvious that a more southerly track would be preferable. In the Samoan island of Tutuila the United States possesses a commodious harbour at Pago-Pago, the further development of which has also been recommended to Congress. Thence, the next step—British good will being taken for granted—would be to Sydney, the principal Australian naval base, which is over 4,300 miles from Yokohama, and therefore secure from any serious Japanese threat.

Yet another 4,500 miles would take the fleet from Sydney to either Singapore or Sourabaya, the chief Dutch East Indies naval base, the latter port being a trifle nearer to Sydney. Once at Singapore, any Japanese threat to either Malaya or the Dutch Indies would be effectually checked.

Though in the number of its ships the Imperial Japanese Navy is the third in the world, the United States Pacific Fleet is fully as strong. In capital ships, indeed, it is slightly stronger. Japan has in service at present either nine or ten battleships, two of which are armed with 16-inch and the other eight with 14-inch

more are known to be nearing completion.

It should be noted that, as a general rule, the value of an aircraft-carrier is roughly proportionate to her size, since this is the measure of her capacity to accommodate 'planes. The United States is far ahead of Japan in the quality of its naval air service.

Japan's cruisers include 12 heavy units armed with 8in guns, six ships with 6.1in guns and 17 mounting 5.5in guns. Five more cruisers, believed to mount 6.1in guns, are nearly ready for delivery.

There are approximately 100 destroyers and at least 60 submarines in commission, besides a number of minelayers, minesweepers, seaplane carriers, submarine chasers and fleet auxiliaries.

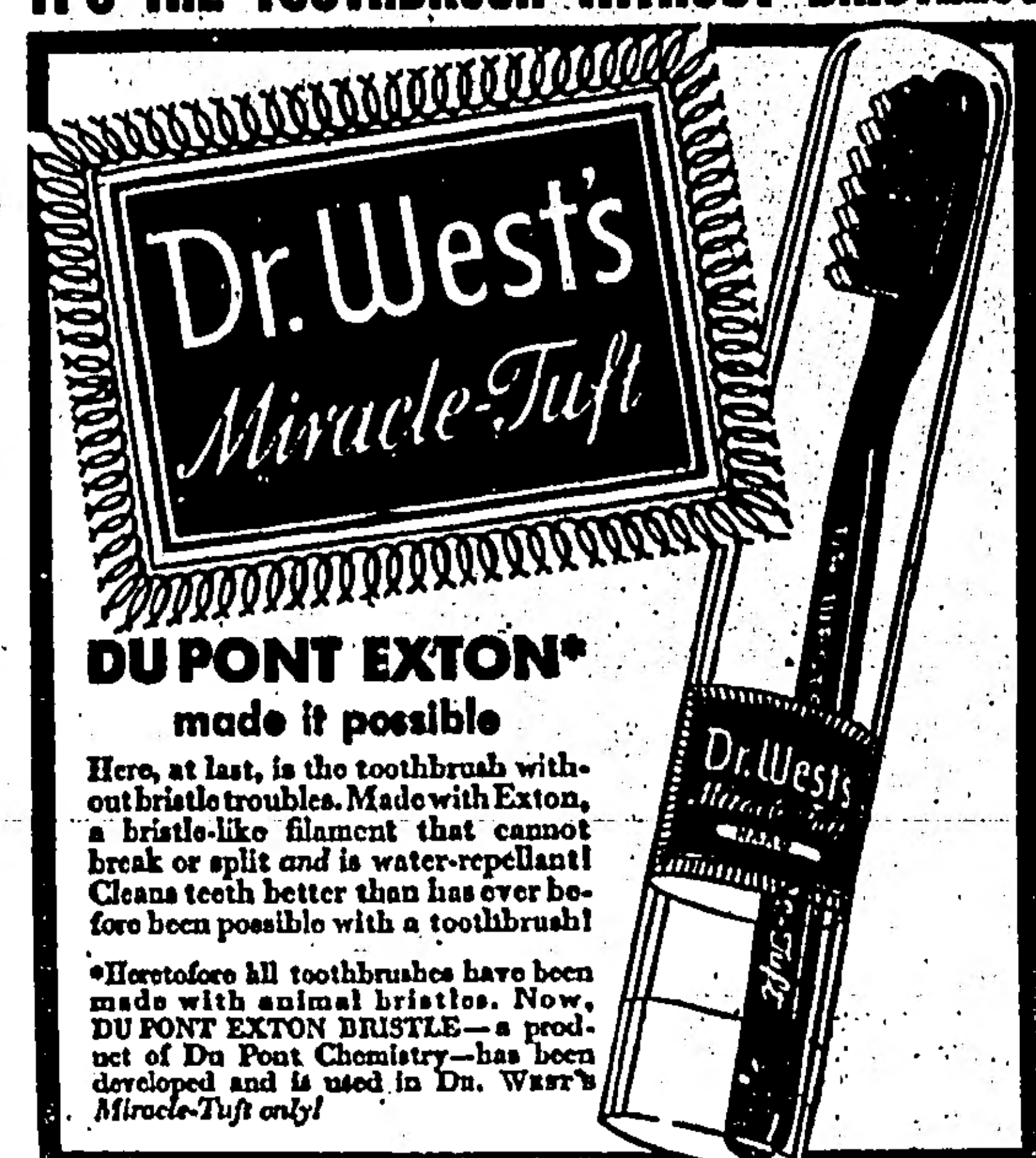
Almost all the ships in service were built in Japan to home-made designs, which have not invariably given satisfaction; they have shown a distinct tendency to over-gun and generally over-load ships in recent years. Thus the torpedo-boat Tomoduru, the first time she went to sea in rough weather, capsized and most of her complement were drowned. She was salvaged with difficulty and, with other units of the class, had to be rebuilt.

Again, the four cruisers of the Mogami class, which mount 15 6.1in and eight 5in guns on a displacement of 8,500 tons, besides carrying four aircraft, were a notorious disappointment. So top-heavy were they found to be on their trials that weights had to be drastically redistributed before they could be accepted for service. Even so, they gave little satisfaction, and the next two cruisers in hand were redesigned, with all their aircraft aft and only 12 6.1in guns instead of 15.

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Here's another. Once I tried to bake an angel food cake, and it fell so flat we tried to use it for automobile tire patches. Now, why not get hubby to don an apron. Then have him hold a cake pan, and picture him lifting a big brittle sugar cookie out of it. That's the cake—as his baffled expression will reveal—and you'll have a shot that really "rings the bell."

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Often, in the comic strips or humorous magazines, you find situations that will make good snapshots, with real people in them. Some time ago, one comic strip showed a man trying to even up the legs of a tall kitchen stool, so it would stand level. Bit by bit, he sawed small sections off each leg—until he wound up with nothing more than a footstool. If you have an old, broken-down stool around somewhere, try this—it, too, will make a marvellous snapshot sequence, with five or six pictures all equally funny.

Just sit down and recall amusing things that have happened at home in the past. Does the kitten get himself all tangled up in Grandmother's yarn—beyond escape? Did you ever thump your finger with a hammer, trying to hang a picture? Note down such things—then put them into "situation" snapshots. It's a splendid way to have lots of winter camera fun.

John van Guilder

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### Book of the Week

"The Uniqueness of Man" is a book of essays, ranging from the proclamation of the unique place of man among the animals to an entertaining review of a volume of "Who's Who," entitled "The Analysis of Fame."

Professor Huxley writes on eugenics and the future of the human race, and he has certainly made one non-scientific reader's blood run cold with the announcement that "it is now open to man and woman to consummate the sexual function with those they love, but to fulfil the reproductive function with those whom on perhaps quite other grounds they admire." This possibility is due to "the recent technique of artificial insemination."

There are also essays on the courtship of animals and the intelligence of birds, and the book closes with statements of a biologist's creed. Here, Professor Huxley seems to write with too great confidence, as when he says: "The concept of God has reached the limits of its usefulness." "Natural science," he adds, "has pushed God into a psychic shock and its results, ever greater remoteness, until traced with the gentleness of genius through shadowy depths, He disappears and He becomes of thought and deed, go to make

May it not be, however, that there is not only a natural book with the sentence: "My science, but a supernatural belief is in life," and he states his creed nobly. But it is the ordinary man, so the generosity, could ever have produced the life of Socrates or St. Francis, or the music of Handel covers of truth beyond the or Bach.

### NEW NOVELS

★ THE LAND OF SPICES. By "The Land of Spices" a book by Kate O'Brien. Heinemann. 8s. fascinatingly rich in the sense of reality.

★ LAST TRAIN OUT. By E. Phillips Oppenheim. Hodder. 8s. 3d.

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★ KNOWN AS Z.I. By George Goodchild.

★ MISS KATE O'BRIEN'S new novel proves yet again that she is a writer with an original gift.

"The Land of Spices" is the story of a nun—a "tall, grand nun," Reverend Mother of the Irish branch of an ancient French conventual order—and of her affection for her pupil, Anna, who came to the convent as a child of six. It is, in Miss O'Brien's telling, at once austere and delicious.

The mingled French and Irish atmospheres; the nervous tension of growth that Miss O'Brien captures with such humour; adds, "has pushed God into a psychic shock and its results, ever greater remoteness, until traced with the gentleness of genius through shadowy depths, He disappears and He becomes of thought and deed, go to make

★ IN "Last Train Out" Mr Phillips Oppenheim has written the best of his recent "thrillers." He has obviously been deeply moved by events in contemporary Europe and, as a result, the beginning of his book has some of the qualities of a serious good novel.

★ Later it becomes a "thriller," but an excellent thriller, about escape from Vienna on the very eve of the war with the smuggled art-treasures of a millionaire.

★ "THE Ghost of the Dunsany" is an exciting story of a voyage across the Atlantic with a cargo of gold, a new captain with his navigator in a state of rebellion, his wife and her lover on board, and so forth.

★ The secret service agent "known as Z.I." goes through a hair-raising series of adventures in the book of that name, by George Goodchild. The only trouble is that young Trevor is such a perfect little gentleman that he gives his unscrupulous enemies every chance against him. In real life "Z.I." would have been dead or become tougher by the end of the first chapter!

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# Movies

## Doings of Stars and Studios

Virginia Weidler, who has been acclaimed for her acting in such pictures as "The Philadelphia Story" and "All This Heaven Too," has started dancing and singing lessons with the possibility of a musical role soon.

The start of her new lessons satisfied an old ambition. Virginia's mother was a Continental opera and concert star, and her three brothers are members of an orchestra. Yet Virginia never has done any serious singing or dancing in her more than 30 screen roles.

Frank Borzage will direct Jeanette MacDonald in "Smilin' Through," when that film goes before the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer cameras.

Shirley Temple's long-awaited return to the screen will materialise shortly when she joins "Babes On Broadway." Arthur Freed will produce with Busby Berkeley as director.

"Step This Way," starring the Marx Brothers, has gone into production under the direction of Charles "Chuck" Reisner. Tony Martin, who has just completed a role in "Ziegfeld Girl," Virginia Gray, Virginia O'Brien, Margaret Dumont and Charles Halliday will support the Marx Brothers.

Britain's ten most popular film stars in 1940, according to a census of 4,500 cinema managers made by "Motion Picture Herald," were George

Formby, the Lancashire comedian; Robert Donat, Gracie Fields, Arthur Askey (radio comedian), Lucan and McShane (Irish comedians), Charles Laughton, Will Hay, Conrad Veidt, Gordon Harker and Anna Neagle.

After "The Invisible Man" and "The Invisible Ray" filmgoers are now to be treated to a picture entitled "The Invisible Woman" from Universal.

Virginia Bruce plays the title role and is supported by John Barrymore and John Howard. Virginia, a model girl, answers the advertisement of a scientist, John Barrymore, who wishes a subject for his invisibility test. The results are humorous rather than "horrific."

Henry Fonda is to star in "A Yank in the R.A.F."

David Selznick is trying to acquire the rights of "The Lodger," last made by Alfred Hitchcock, twelve years ago. Hitch would direct the new version with Joan Fontaine.

Sylvia Ashley, widow of Doug Fairbanks, Senior, was tested for a part in the new Joan Crawford film, "A Woman's Face."

Sixteen-year-old Georgiana Young launched her own film career in Hollywood without revealing that she has the kind sister of seven stars. Without confiding in her family, Georgiana reported for an interview at RKO Radio for a part in "No, No, Nanette." She picked a highly competitive test for her first assignment, but came through with flying colours when Producer-Director Herbert Wilcox and famed artist McClelland Barclay selected her and two other girls from a group of 48 beauties who tried out for roles as naïveté models. The part involved considerable dialogue and several comedy scenes with Anna Neagle and Richard Carlson.



## The Howards of Virginia

Laid in the 1770 period of the American colonies, "The Howards of Virginia," now showing at the King's Theatre, deals less with the birth of the Stars and Stripes than with the social snobberies that it did much to sweep away.

Uppishness is centred in the gaudy, pompous rigidity of Sir Cedric Hardwicke, whose sister, Martha Scott, weds a breezy Virginia farmer in the person of Cary Grant—loud, always bellowing like a bull, gauche, domestic and rebellious.

He joins the fighting colonies, finds his sons on the same side, and is re-

frequently. She is fuller in quality and depth here than she was in "Our Town."

Grant, however, does not come through as well. He is still a great, big chap, natural and human, and you feel as though you have known him all your life, but the role seems to call for a more serious player.

It is not his fault; blame it on the fact that Hollywood is going through an astonishing shortage of leading men. Sir Cedric Hardwicke's impersonation of an embittered and haughty aristocrat is magnificent; Alan Marshal and Richard Carlson are good and there's a young kid, in a small part, named Phil Taylor. Watch him; he is splendid.

The picture is adapted from the novel, "The Tree of Liberty," by Elizabeth Page.

Hitler would be puzzled at this story, which shows the Boston Harbour tea jettisoning, Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death," and the defeat of colonial tyranny by Washington.

Few, however, would regard the play as anti-British; for its keynote of freedom is exactly what split the two peoples in 1776 and unites them in 1941. A hint or two of spectacular battles is saved from spurious glory by emphasis on war's tragedies and privations, and the acting is generally on a satisfactory plane.

Martha Scott hands in an absolutely top-notch performance as the girl. You love her all ways; you feel sorry for her

## The Ghost Breakers

When, years ago, D. W. Griffith made "One Exciting Night," he started a cycle of films which has never ceased.

The ingredients are familiar. One haunted castle, house, or what have you, one scared negro, one hero partially frightened, one heroine who puts on a bold front, two or three red herring villains and, of course, one very very bad man. Mix together with alarms and excursions, ghosts, pseudo-ghosts and knights-in-armour and you have a well tried and apparently popular concoction.

Of its type "The Ghost Breakers" now at the Queen's and Alhambra, is definitely good.

If you like "The Cat and the Canary" you will appreciate the thrills and humour in this one. Bob Hope is in great fettle as a radio gossip who, through a series of misunderstandings, gets transported in a trunk to Cuba with a beautiful girl who has inherited a haunted castle off the shore of this romantic island.

Paulette Goddard does not disappoint the eyes as the heroine and both Richard Carlson as a "bad" man and Paul Lukas as a presumably "bad" man, help considerably. The scared negro is well played by Willie Best.



James Stewart, who won the Academy Award for his work in "The Philadelphia Story," tries out a new dance step with Hedy Lamarr. Jimmie is now in the U.S. Forces doing his year's training.

## Who Are They?

# JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

## What Do They Teach?

Editor's Note:—The following article by "Bible Student" from a recent issue of the "Evening Dispatch," Edinburgh, may be of interest to those who are in want of information regarding the sect calling themselves Jehovah's Witnesses and of their activities, to which much publicity has of late been drawn.

MANY readers of the "Evening Dispatch" must be asking the above questions, and also wondering why Jehovah's Witnesses are being so much featured in the Press at the present time. As a keen student of the Bible, let me endeavour to give as accurately as possible a short summary that may be of some assistance to readers, particularly those who have read the Church of Scotland leaflet dealing with this subject.

Jehovah's Witnesses do not claim to be a sect or a religious organisation. They claim to be in the class of faithful men referred to in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, whose main purpose is to inform the people of God's purpose to establish a righteous government on the earth, and in obedience to God's commandments to warn the people of the impending disaster upon the nations.

Their only claim is to be true Christians, and hence there is nothing modern about their origin. They take their stand on Isaiah 43: 12, which states, "Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, that I am God." Jesus Christ is the chief witness of Jehovah, and all true Christians right down the ages have been or are Jehovah's Witnesses. They obey every law of the land that is not in conflict with God's law. They do no injury to anyone. They have nothing against individuals because of their religion, but in order to bring out the truth, they cannot avoid exposing the errors of religious systems which, they

claim, teach the traditions of men in place of the truths of the Kingdom.

### Fated To Persecution

They are hated by Satan and all Satan's agencies, who persecute them and say all manner of evil against them falsely. That is why they do not bother to contradict the false allegations now being made against them. Instead of being discouraged by such misrepresentations, they are encouraged by the further evidence that their textbook, the Bible, is true. They know that their leader, Jesus, was crucified for telling the truth; and they also know that his followers must also undergo persecution, must be unwept, unhonoured, and unsung by the world, and, above all, will be persecuted by the nominal Churches, just as Christ was.

Their doctrine, which they claim to be based solely on Scripture, may be summarised thus:—

(1) That Jehovah's organisation is a Theocracy called Zion, and that Christ Jesus is the Chief Officer thereof, and is the rightful King of the world; that the anointed and faithful followers of Christ are children of Zion, and are his witnesses, whose duty and privilege it is to testify to the supremacy of Jehovah, declare his purposes toward mankind as expressed in the Bible and to bear the fruits of the Kingdom before all who will hear.

(2) That Satan's rule on earth is about to end, and the Lord Jesus Christ has been placed by Jehovah upon His throne of authority, has ousted Satan from heaven and is proceeding to the establishment of God's kingdom on earth.

### Satan's Final Fling

(3) That Satan has been given his notice to quit and is "shooting the house down," using wicked men such as Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, and others as his earthly accomplices.

(4) That at Armageddon, which is a battle between the

heavenly hosts and the Satanic hosts, and which will take place in the near future, Satan's earthly organisation will perish.

(5) That the relief and blessings of the peoples of earth can come only by and through Jehovah's kingdom under Christ, which has now begun. That the Lord's next great act is the destruction of Satan's organisation and the establishment of righteousness in the earth, and that under the Kingdom the people of goodwill that survive Armageddon shall carry out the divine mandate to "fill the earth" with a righteous race.

### Hitler's Victims

In a recent leaflet issued by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, which acts as publisher for Jehovah's Witnesses throughout the earth, the following statements appear:—

"The British people to-day know they are fighting against the most wicked and iniquitous combine of enemies ever organised to destroy freedom and true Christianity in the earth. Britain alone stands firm, battling against the religious and totalitarian combined enemies in her fight for the rights of a free people. From the days of the Magna Charta to this day Britain has developed into a stronghold of liberty, preservers of the freedom of conscience, and champions for the open Bible the Word of Almighty God."

"Since 1933 Hitler has stamped out the Christian work of Jehovah's Witnesses in Germany. He has imprisoned, maltreated, and killed many of these faithful servants of the Most High God because of their stand for the open Bible and for God's Kingdom. To-day over six thousand Jehovah's Witnesses languish in Hitler's concentration camps."

"Strange as it may seem, Hitler engaged in a crusade for the re-establishment of the Holy Roman Empire."

Before an American audience of 45,000 of Jehovah's Witnesses on Sunday, July 28, 1940, Judge Rutherford, who is the St Paul of the present day, but who continually tells Jehovah's Wit-

nesses that they have no earthly leader, but that Christ alone is their leader, made the following statement amidst great applause:—

"Britain alone stands firm, battling against the religious totalitarian combine in her fight for the rights of a free people. Britain has been kind to Jehovah's Witnesses, and because of that kindness shown it may be expected that Almighty God will show some special favour to Britain in her hour of terrible distress."

### The Right To Fight

In conclusion, Jehovah's Witnesses are enjoined not to try to dissuade anyone from taking up arms in defence of his country. Individual witnesses may take the view that their personal covenant to carry out Jehovah's work of witnessing at this time may preclude them from taking up carnal weapons, but that is left entirely to the individual to decide.

As regards those who have not entered into such a covenant, Jehovah's Witnesses feel that it is quite natural for such to battle against the evil things. They do not criticise them for this in any way, but they know that the number of people who will have the courage to enter the covenant, bringing, as it must, scorn and persecution and misrepresentation in its train, is so small that it cannot affect the issue. It is simply a fact that in Germany it was much easier for a witness to "hell Hitler" and go with the crowd than to refuse to do so and languish in concentration camp or be shot.

However angry one may feel with conscientious objectors—and there is no use hiding the fact that in this struggle against evil most people do feel angry with them—one cannot truthfully maintain that Jehovah's Witnesses who take their stand as objectors in Germany are cowards. It takes great courage, both physical and moral, to be a true Christian in any totalitarian country to-day. It is also true that even in this country it is much harder to be a Jehovah's Witness than not to

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1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Len Green at the Piano.

Melodies of the Month—No. 8; Melodies of the Month—No. 20.

1.13 Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 A Noel Coward Programme.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 p.m. Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Light Orchestral Programme.

8.30 Times of Not-So-Song-Ago.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 2—Old Favourites—Evergreens of Jazz (No. 1); Laugh, Clown, Laugh (Film "Follow your Star"); Sweet Sue, Just You; Heeble Jeebles; I Wonder Where My Baby Is To-Night; Makin' Whoopee (Film "Whoopie"); Fox-Trot Medley.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Sea Songs and Shanties.

9.30 Local Sport Results.

9.33 Waltzes.

Waltzes of the World—Polpourri (arr. Robrecht); Orchestra Mascotte; Lysistrata (Lincke); ... Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Duets by Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

Zampa (Herold); Post and Pagan (Suppe); Nola (Arndt); The Wedding of the Painted Doll (Brown).

10.00 London Relay—"Taypidrome."

11.00 Dance Music.

12.00 midnight. Close Down.

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12.15 p.m. A Grier Programme.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Prime Scala's Accordion Band.

1.22 Special Relay from the King's Theatre of Deanna Durbin singing "Thank you America" (by courtesy of the King's Theatre).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m. Songs by Oscar Nizake (Nazi).

The Village Blacksmith (Longfellow)—Weiss (Samson (Handel)).

1.55 Stravinsky—Petrushka Ballet Music.

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

2.30 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Military Band Music with Dennis Noble (Baritone).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Relay—Organ Recital by A. N. Tucker from St John's Cathedral.

8.25 A. Moussorgsky Programme.

8.45 Studio-Book Reviews.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Walton—Parade Suite.

9.32 Well-known Ballads.

9.45-10.15 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Tchaikovsky—Concerto No. 1 in B Flat, Op. 23.

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10.35 Close Down.

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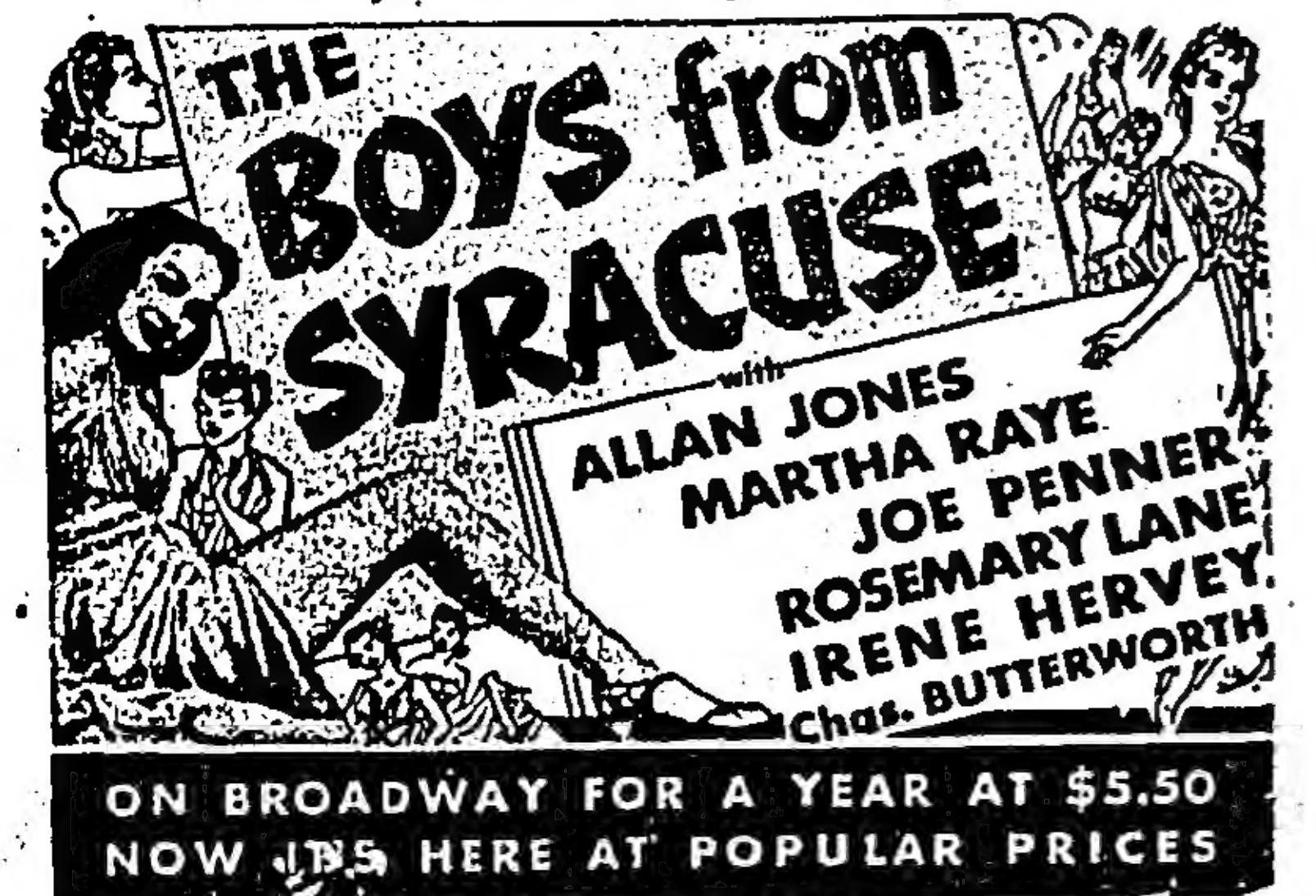
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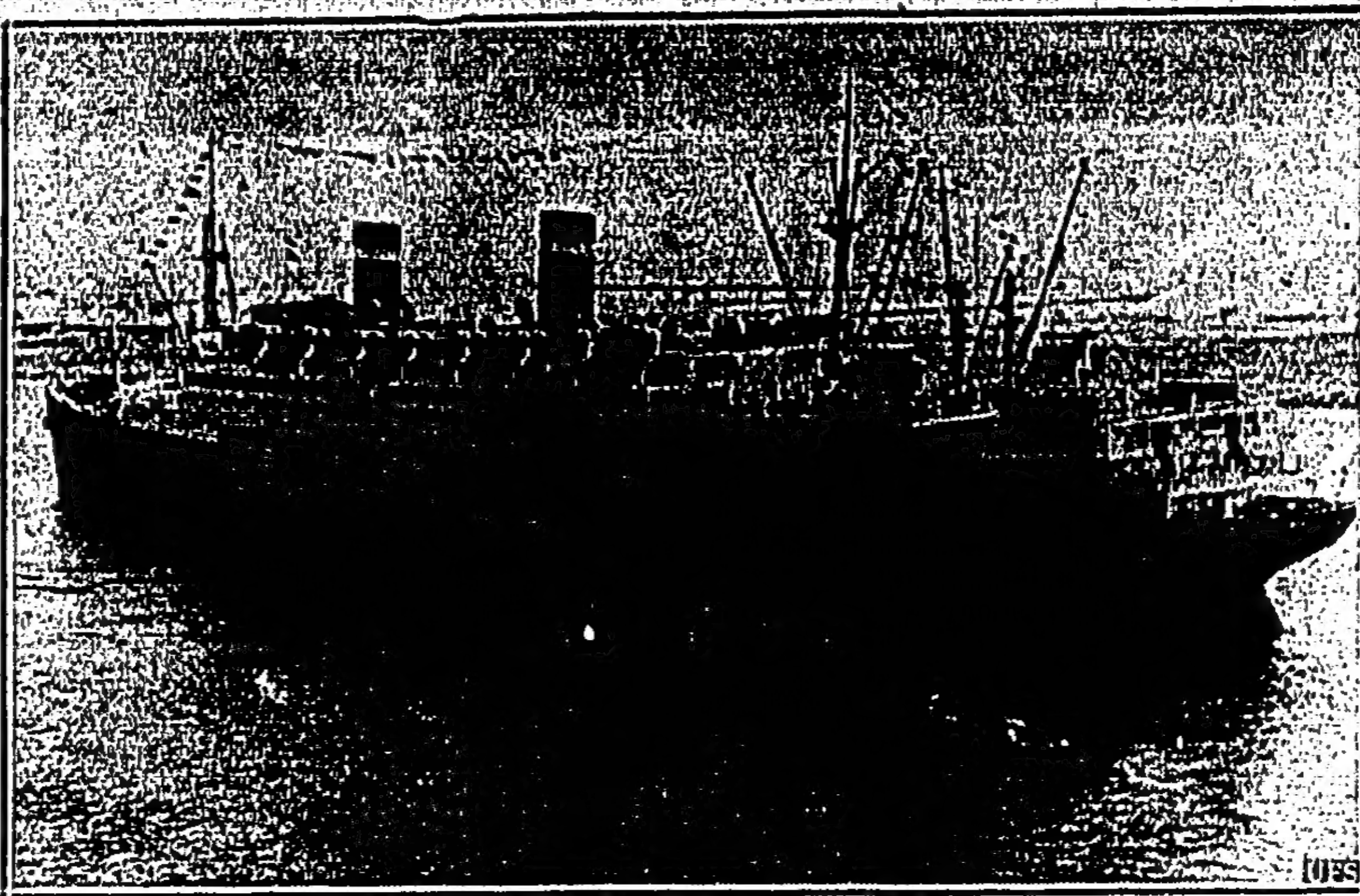
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## France Would Become Britain's Ally Again

Marshal Foch in 1918 said that France would never be secure without the Rhineland. Without the protection of the Rhine there was a formidable wedge of German territory thrust between France and Belgium. But President Wilson and Mr Lloyd George refused to let France take the Rhineland, and in return promised her a defensive alliance. When France relinquished her claim the United States withdrew from that promise, and Great Britain, "in an hour disastrous to European civilisation," followed suit.

Professor Hugh Sellon, at one time Director of the British Institute in Paris, recalled this history in the course of an address to the Manchester Rotary Club on the causes of the French defeat. Here, he argued, lay the explanation of the adoption by the French General Staff of a defensive strategy. France felt she could not again face the terrible toll of blood that she paid in the last war.

"It is too readily said," he continued, "that the Maginot Line was a fatal illusion. But the Maginot Line gave Britain nine months during which to prepare for the inevitable crash. And we must remember that it was not broken; it was turned."

"Two disastrous things happened. The line was not extended to the sea because the King of the Belgians was trying to hold the balance between the Walloons and the Flemings, and it was felt that to extend the line to the sea would be to divide Belgium from France and incline her towards Germany."

"When Germany attacked Belgium it was decided, against the advice of General Gamelin, to go into Belgium to help her. Thus, not only were the Allied armies disastrously outnumbered but they were compelled to increase the length of their line. From that moment the fortifications which the French and British had put up during nine months between Montmédy and the sea were turned, and France had to fight in the open."

**Collapse Inevitable**  
He had no hesitation in saying that even if there had been no political jealousies, no political and military disorganisation, no corruption in France, the French military collapse would have been inevitable, because, as a French general said to a friend of his, "you can't fight tanks and planes with your bare fists."

"The disaster of France was a military disaster, but not the collapse of a nation in moral fibre. A nation can recover from military disaster. France had done it again and again, and would do so yet again. The process of recovery had begun. She was still our ally, and an empire of ten million French people was fighting at our side."

Marshal Pétain had done something most remarkable. He had stood up to Hitler, happily for us and our African campaign, and had kept unoccupied France as a buffer between us and the Germans.

**Ally Again?**  
Sooner than most people believed the whole of France would once more be our effective Allies, co-operating with us in the final destruction of German militarism and taking her part in the reorganisation and pacification of Europe. Though she was defeated, she fought as well and as bravely as ever in her long history.

## HISTORIC TRIAL ON STAGE

Some 70 years ago Robert Kelly was charged in Green Street Court-house, Dublin, with the murder of a policeman, who had been instrumental in having convicted many alleged members of the Fenian Society.

Isaac Butt, once a Unionist, later leader of the Irish Home Rule movement, was counsel for the defence. When the case for the Crown resulted in Kelly's conviction, Butt caused a sensation by pleading that it was not the bullet but the surgical operation that followed which killed the policeman.

He obtained his client's acquittal. From that hour Butt became a national hero.

**Abbey Production**  
Roger McHugh, lecturer in English at University College, Dublin, has dramatised this trial and his play has been staged at the Abbey Theatre under the title, "Trial at Green Street Court-house."

Out of a large cast, F. J. McCormick was outstanding as Isaac Butt.

## Answers to QUIZ

(Questions on Page 8).  
1. Christopher Columbus. 2. Alfred Nobel, Swedish chemist (1833-1896).  
3. (a) An allowance made to a wife by a husband who is legally separated from her (b) a metal (c) a flower of the rose family (d) nigardiness (e) the (ecclesiastical) offence of buying or selling presentation to a benefice. (4) Five—Major Gwilym Lloyd George, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Mr R. K. Law, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, and Mr Randolph Churchill. 5. A blend of tea. 6. Air photograph. 7. In 1477 by William Caxton. 8. Alcock and Brown. 9. Gandhi is 71. 10. Hindus.

## Musso Another Quisling

Giuseppe Antonio Borgese, professor of Italian literature at the University of Chicago and once an intimate friend of Mussolini, said recently that if Germany won the European war, Italy would become an appendage of the Nazi state and "Mussolini little more than a Quisling."

Speaking on the University of Chicago round table broadcast, he asserted that "German troops and technicians scattered throughout Italy have helped to prevent the possibility of an open revolt against Mussolini."

Professor Borgese, former Italian statesman and author, left Italy in 1931 because he opposed Fascism. He became an American citizen in 1938 and in 1939 married Elisabeth Veronica Mann, daughter of Thomas Mann, self-exiled German author.

## Nazis Jail Schoolgirls

Schoolgirls have been arrested in Norway for shouting "Long Live King Haakon," says the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

Recently pupils of several schools in Oslo refused to obey an order by the Minister of the Interior to visit a Hitler Youth exhibition.

Demonstrations in the streets of the capital followed, during which the girls were arrested.

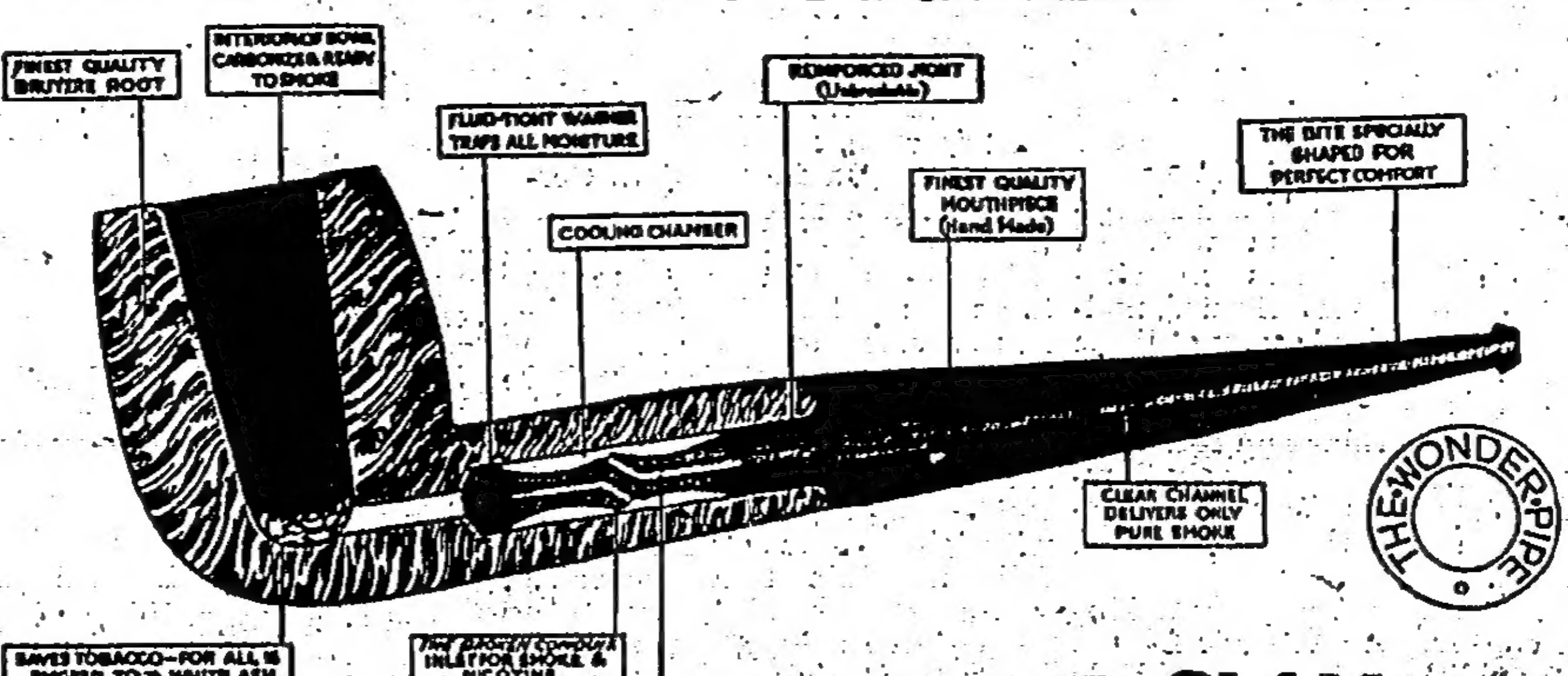
Other girls with them insisted on being arrested as well.

All were told that their parents might be punished if the demonstrations were repeated.

## Using Cheques To Halt Inflation

The recent Vichy law requiring all money transfers above 3,000 francs to be made with certified cheques is at last going into effect. This is interpreted as an anti-inflation measure to make cheques circulate in place of bank notes, the number of which is swelled by French payments of 400,000,000 francs a day to the German occupation forces.

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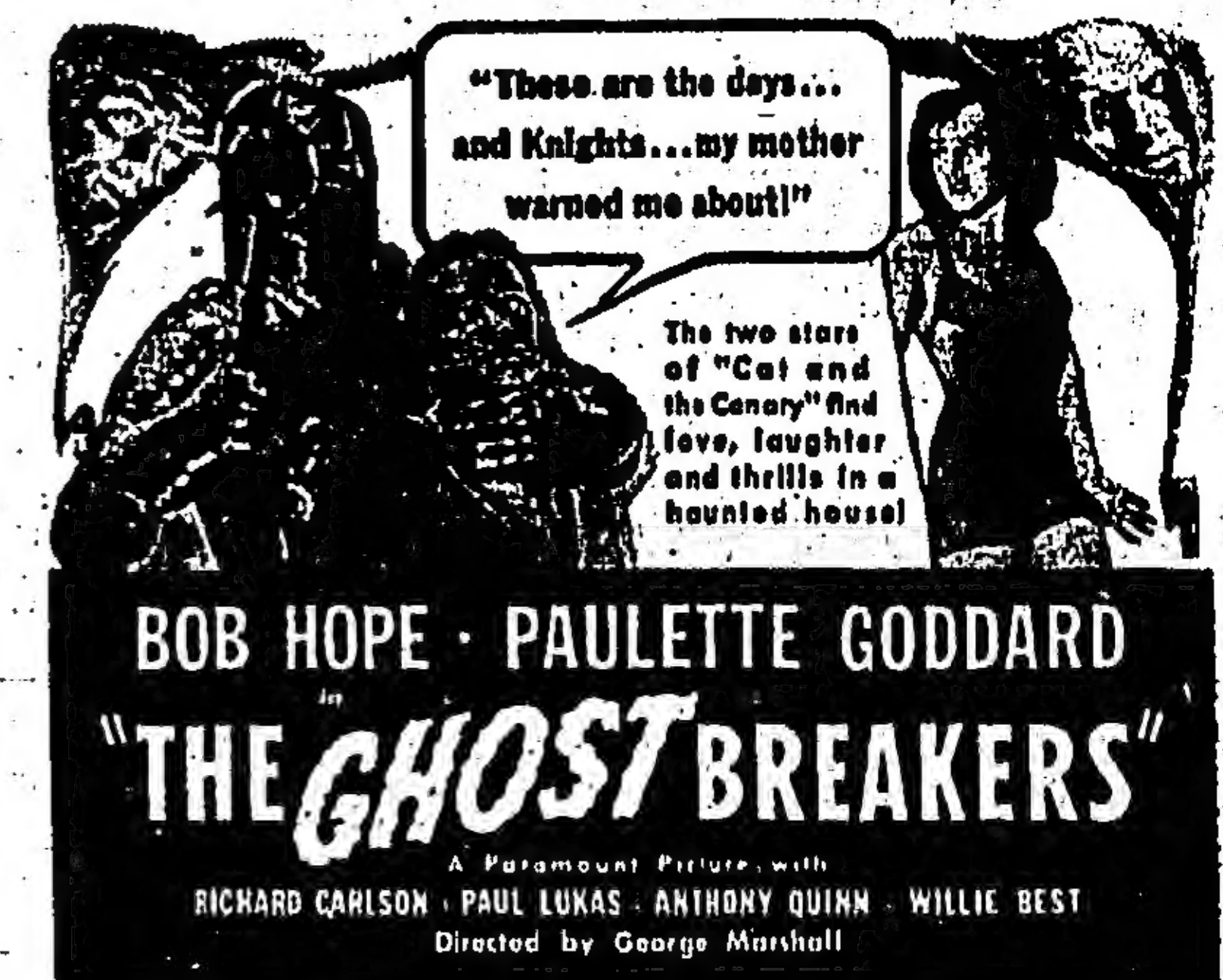
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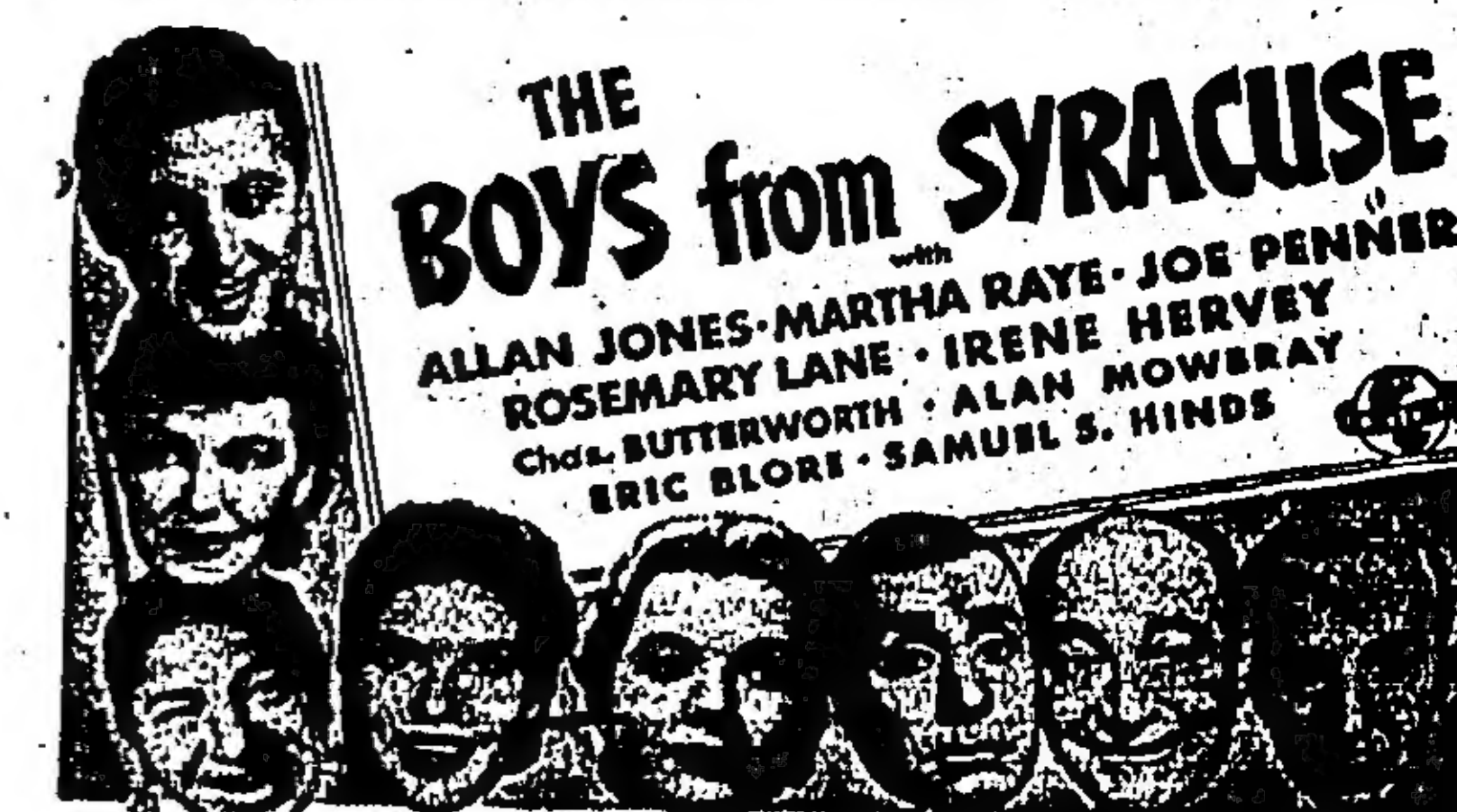
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## U.S. In War By June 1

New York Prediction

The belief that the United States will be at war by June 1 was expressed recently by Fletcher Pratt, the military expert of the "New York Post."

Surveying the situation, he declared the belief in the grand assault of 1941 "with an air of supreme confidence in their ability to meet every form of attack except on the water." He sees the shipping problem as the gravest one confronting the Allies.

## To Study Carolina Lakes Area

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C., (UP).—An old theory that numerous lakes and swamps in southeastern North Carolina were "caused" by falling meteorites many centuries ago is being studied by John C. McCampbell, of the University of North Carolina. Working under a permit from the State Department of Conservation and Development, McCampbell is concentrating his geological investigations in the 40,000-acre Bladen Lakes area. "Most of the lakes or 'bays' in the area are oval or egg shaped, and for years, local residents have believed they were dug by a shower of meteorites."

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